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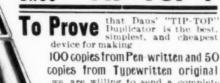
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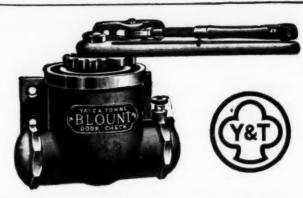
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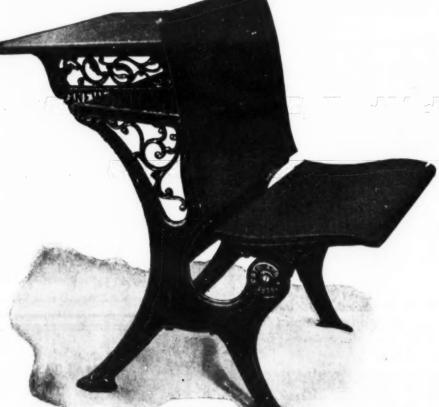
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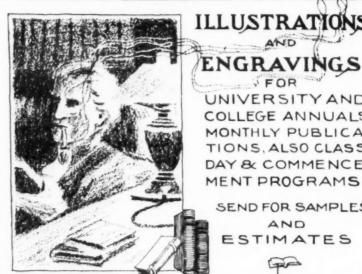
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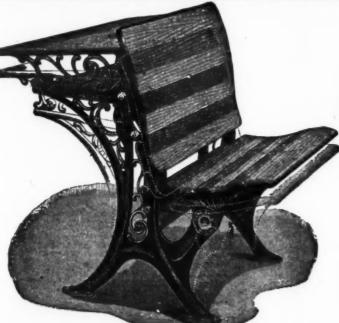


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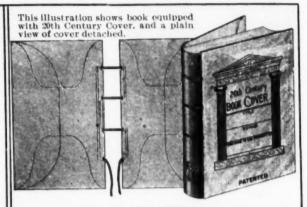
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The State of Ohio is in a state of commotion over the preparation of a new school code to be adopted by the next legislature, the old one having been declared unconstitutional.

(See editorial.)

# School Board Tournal



#### School House Building.

A notice of a special meeting of the inhabitants of a school district stated that its purpose was to consider the erection of a new school building in district No. 5, in conformity with the recommendation of the board, published with the notice. The recommendation stated that a new site had been selected subject to the approval of the meeting, describing it; and that to purchase the site and erect the building, the entire cost, with furnishings, would be \$35,000; and the board proposed the issuing of bonds therefor in blocks of \$5,000 to mature in 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 years, respectively.

Held, that the notice and recommendation, constructed together, were a sufficient compliance with the provisions of the consolidated school law, requiring the notice to state the tax proposed, and specify the amount and object thereof. Lawson v. Lincoln, California.

Under the consolidated school law providing that the boards of education in district, where districts correspond with those of the city, have the power to call special meetings of the inhabitants of their respective districts for the purpose of authorizing the purchase of sites, the erection of school buildings, and the raising of the money to pay therefor, it is not necessary for the meeting of the inhabitants to give any specific directions regarding the erection of the building. Lawson v. Lincoln, California.

#### Use of School Buildings.

Under a law, providing that the school trustees may permit a schoolhouse to be used for any purpose which will not interfere with the seating of other furniture, the trustees of the school district have no right to permit the schoolhouse to be used for public and private dances, which use necessitates the removal of desks from the rooms. Lewis v. Bateman. Utah.

#### School Director's Interest.

The code provides that it shall be unlawful for any director to have any pecuniary interest in the erection of schoolhouses, or for furnishing or repairing the same, or be in any manner connected with the furnishing of supplies for schools, or to receive a compensation for services rendered as director. In an action to enjoin the treasurer of a school district to S. an associate director, the answer of S. showed that the board determined that repairs were necessary to the school building; that they undertook to do it themselves; that when the work was done the warrant as drawn in favor of defendant S. for services rendered by himself and the other two directors, and also for materials and labor furnished by others.

Held to clearly show that the warrant was unlawfully issued to S. for repairs in which each of the directors had a pecuniary interest, and that, on proof of his citizenship and interest, plaintiff was entitled to a decree restraining payment of the warrant. Miller v. Sullivan. Washington.

#### Teachers Without Certificates.

Providing that school officers shall not contract with any one to teach who, has not a certificate in force, a contract of employment with any one to teach not having at the time a qualifying certificate is not binding, though the person employed obtains a certificate before the time stipulated for the teaching to commence.

McCloskey v. School Dist, No. 5 of Wheatland Township, Nebraska.

#### Rights of Pupils.

Where a child of school age is wrongfully denied admission to the public school of a district, an injunction may properly issue to restrain the directors from interfering with her attendance.

The father of a child of school age, or one standing in loco parentis, may maintain an action to compel the directors of a school district of which such a child is a bona fide resident. Mizner v. School District No. 11 of Sherman Co., Nebraska.

#### Text-Book Adoptions.

Laws enacted in 1897 authorize the state board of education to prescribe text-books for schools and to contract for the furnishing of them for a term of years. A later law authorized a county board of education to select books for the county schools and to contract for them for a term of years. The state board contracted with plaintiff for readers for the first and second grades, and certain other readers for the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth, and subsequently the county board adopted another reader in the first grade, but retained plaintiff's books in the six following grades.

Held, that such substitution having reduced plaintiff's sales 20 per cent., he was entitled to an injunction restraining the county board for making such substitution.

The fact that the reader furnished by plaintiff was too advanced for use in the first grade was immaterial. Rand, McNally & Co. v. Hartranft, Washington.

#### Status of Married Teachers.

The Appellate division of the New York Supreme Court has rendered a decision of unusual importance to school board members in affirming the right of the board of education of Greater New York to declare vacant the position of any woman teacher or principal who gets married during her term of service.

The board adopted a rule, some time since by which marriage terminated the connection of any woman principal, teacher, or head of department with the public school system. Two Brooklyn teachers brought suits to test the right of the school board to enact such a by-law. The lower court found in their favor. Superintendent Maxwell appealed from the decision to the Supreme Court with the result already mentioned.

The court did not concern itself with the alleged necessity of those married teachers who claim that they are compelled to help support families nor did it go into the sentimental phases of the question.

After quoting the rule of the board Justice Hooker, who wrote the main opinion, said: "While many new fields of endeavor have of recent years been opened to progressive women, the principal duties and sphere of the wife and the mother will always remain, and cannot be said to be such as are not calculated, except in rare cases, to interfere with that degree of regularity and devotion which is required of the members of a teaching force in so large a community. The purpose of the rule is not to discourage marriage; it is rather, in the public interest, to dispense with the service of that class of teachers who assumed new duties and stepped into another field, and where it is thought their environments would tend toward the disparagement of the school interests.

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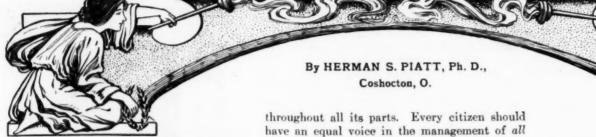


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# New School Code for Ohio.



As the subject is very large and the space allowance very small, I shall beg the indulgence of my readers to omit the customary introduction and plunge immediately in medias res.

The School Board - Size. City school boards in this country vary in membership at present from 90 to 3, the average of 75 of the larger cities being approximately 15. There is something to be said in favor of the large board. It gives room for broader representation of varying local conditions and interests. In our large cities, with their cosmopolitan and heterogeneous populations, this is a point not to be ignored. But, on the other hand, there is undoubtedly already too much tendency to emphasize local interests in our general representative bodies, and where this is had in view in the board of education, the larger views of educational problems is less likely to be taken. Even in the cities education is a general concern. It is not a local issue. The large board is apt to degenerate into a debating society, and the debates are likely to become acrimonious. More formality and a closer adherence to parliamentary usage become necessary, and the progress to harmonious conclusion and united action becomes correspondingly more difficult. The large board must necessarily act largely through committees, and wherever committee government prevails an oligarchy soon develops. An expert on school administration has declared that no matter what the nominal size of the board of education, there is no community in the United States where the actual work is not done by less than ten men. In the large board, therefore, we have in practice the self-constituted oligarchy, with the further disadvantage that the identity of its members is likely not to be known to the general public. Five to nine members is probably the best size for city school boards in Ohio. There may be good reasons for a larger number in the cities, but the objections more than offset the advantages. Cleveland and Toledo now have even and five respectively, and these cities have been looked upon as presenting in many respects model school administrations. For my own part, I am utterly unable to see serious objections to an even number like six or eight. This makes possible a bi-partisan board, which is undoubtedly the next best thing to a nonpartisan board. The evils of the deadlock are largely theoretical. There is already provision in the Ohio law for escape from it, and I have not found any actual instance of serious harm to the schools from a deadlock. On the other hand, with an uneven number it is almost impossible to keep partisan politics from creeping into school administration, of which the possibilities for evil are too well known for me to cularge upon them here.

How the Board Should be Chosen. Although there are some things to be said in favor of the ward system of electing board members, and in some form or another it is quite as generally used as the at-large plan, the consensus of expert opinion seems to be against it. The schools belong to the whole community. It is essential that the educational system should be efficient

throughout all its parts. Every citizen should have an equal voice in the management of all the schools. Men who are chosen for service on the school board should have a reputation for intelligence and sound judgment which reaches beyond their immediate neighborhood. In the cities, anything like adequate ward representation would produce a school board whose very size, regardless of the quality of its personnel, should condemn the plan.

But should members of the school board be elected at all? In a number of cities members of the board are appointed, usually by the mayor. In a very few places by the city council, but they are so very few that this plan may be left out of consideration. It has little to recomend Appointment by the mayor has against it the theoretical objection that it puts the schools one remove from the direct control of the people. As he is usually elected on a partisan ticket he will naturally tend to use the appointing power for political purposes, and will also be tempted to interfere through his appointees in the immediate management of the schools. Against these theoretical objections is to be set the incontrovertible fact that among the 17 notable cities in this country whose school boards are appointed by the mayor, we find some of the best school systems of the country, and not one, so far as I am aware, which is notoriously bad. Still, I have a good deal of Lincoln's confidence in the wisdom and integrity of the plain people, and I see no reason why they should not be permitted to pass directly upon the management of the most important Institution of civic so-

The superintendent is The Superintendent. the latest improvement in the educational machine. As an institution he is hardly more than half a century old. Legislation has taken little account of him yet. The general school law of Ohio authorizes the appointment of such an official, but does not specify what he is to do when appointed. The assumption has been that he is an employe of the board and his duties such as may be assigned him by the latter. With the growing respect for special skill on the part of the public and the growing poss sion of it on the part of those occupying the superintendent's position, more and more the direct management of the schools has passed over from the board to the superintendent. This process has been aided and hastened by the habitual tendency of the American people to separate administrative and legislative functions and vest each in separate instrumentalities. There has been a growing feeling among students of the educational situation that the time has come to establish the superintendent as the administrative officer of the schools by statutory enactment; while still retaining him in general as a subordinate of the board, making him in some of the important managerial aspects independent of and co-ordinate with that body. It is felt that the schools will be benefited by giving to the superintendent at least the initiative in such matters, for instance, as the selection of teachers and text-books. In a few notable instances of special legislation in Ohio this is already the case. That where tried it

has worked advantageously to the schools no one, I believe, undertakes to deny. It has not been tried outside of the larger cities, and I believe this fact has an important bearing on the question. Take the matter of the appointment of teachers. I yield to no one in esteeming the value and importance to be attached to academic and professional training for the teacher. Yet no one in this body probably will deny that formal training is not to be mentioned in the same breath with plain horse sense and a love unfeigned for children, as an equipment for the actual work of the schoolroom. Outside the cities professional training is the exception rather than the rule, and consequently the selection of new teachers becomes largely a matter of judging human nature by casual external signs-"sizing up" the candidate. The hard-headed business man on the board, whose daily life is contact with many-sided humanity. is likely to be quite as adept at this task as the superintendent. Whether it is flattering to my professional vanity or not, I do not hesitate to confess that where the candidates were equally strange or equally well known to both of us, I have found my teachers' commmittee able to pick out the right one quite as unerringly as

In the cities things are different. There, professional training is the rule rather than the exception. It is likely to be taken in a municipal institution under the immediate supervision of the superintendent. When it comes to selecting, the superintendent knows the material; the board does not. Obviously, the burden of choice should fall upon him. In the cities, therefore, it seems to me vital to the schools that the superintendent should have the initiative in the selection of teachers. In the smaller places I do not consider it a vital matter. But certainly no harm would be done even there, and if we must have uniformity initiative might well be fixed in the superintendent in all municipal communities. Let all appointments be made on recommendation of the superintendent, requiring a three-fourths vote to reject such a recommendation or to elect any teacher without it.

Hand in hand with this provision would of necessity go some strengthening of the superintendent's official tenure. Without the latter, the former would in most cases become in time inoperative. No superintendent could long wield, in the face of opposition, the immense responsibility implied in the sole initiative, and be subject at the same time to the caprice of annual election by a bare majority of the board. However courageous and high-minded he might be, he would in time either submit to the inevitable or give place to some one who would. At the same time, it is not desirable to make it too difficult to bring about a change. This, in my judgment, is the weak point in the Cleveland system, which in general is so admirable. It has met the efforts of the politicians to get rid of a good superintendent, and has stood the

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# School Board Journal

#### THE EMPLOYMENT AND DISMISSAL OF TEACHERS.

By Simpson B. Lowe, Esq., President Board of Education, Bedford, Ind.

No higher duty devolves upon a school board than the duty of providing the best teachers to be secured by a proper use of the means at command. The community expects it, school patrons demand it, the interests, the well being and advancement of society require it and it is in keeping with our high civilization.

The obligation of a father to his child is but little more than the obligation of community to its children. The father who fails to give his children the best opportunities available is a derelict, and a community that fails to provide the best advantage for its children is worse than

neglectful.

Indiana is wide awake and attentive to duty along educational lines, and the statement that she expects the greatest care and vigilance of her school officers needs no emphasis or repetition. School boards will neither serve their communities well, nor acceptably unless they exercise care and watchfulness in the selection of teachers.

Many influences are brought to bear, well calculated to swerve the school officer from the line of his duty. Personal favors are not only asked but demanded. Political influence does not fail to assert its claims. Circumstances, well calculated to evoke commiseration and pity, are often drawn into view with no lack of hope that they may be productive of results favorable to the applicant, for whose benefit they are presented. Religious and social organizations present claims not measured by scholarship, but by church and social standing. Personal friends present claims of long and tried friendship and expect the school board to be influenced thereby.

The Main Purpose. There is but one safeguard to protect the school officer from these various influences and that is to let his duty to the school children and to the cause of education be the pole-star of his

He, upon whom the duty devolves of selecting teachers, should be acquainted with the work of the teacher, at least sufficiently well to have decided opinions of his own, as to who would be the most fit person to perform those duties. Many who wish to teach are not able to do so, for the reason that they have no natural adaptation to the work.

It is not every one who has a good education that can teach. In our state the facilities for obtaining a good education in the lines that fit one for the calling of a teacher are so ample that many have the required education and even some added to this education practice sufficient to prepare them well for the work of the teacher and yet they are failures as teachers. not because they are unwilling, or lacking in ambition. Perhaps they are among the most willing and only lack the natural adaptation to the work to make them efficient teachers. They would succeed well in some other line of duty but they never can teach successfully.

#### Teachers' Testimonials.

This lack of adaptation does not appear upon the surface and often does not appear in the language of testimonials read. One must read between the lines of testimonials to know the truth. After reading a testimonial that sounds well it often enlarges the school officer's knowledge of an applicant to write a confidential letter to the source of the testimonial for further light. Many times there is a vast difference between testimonials written at the request of the teacher and to be read by the teacher first, and testimonials written direct to the school officer

and to be read by him alone. As a rule testimonials that speak in unmeasured terms may be taken as earnest expressions of the author's opinion and leave only the question of the author's opportunity and judgment to be investigated and considered. Is he acquainted with the teacher? Does he know the qualities a teacher should have? Has he had opportunities to be correctly informed?

These and many other questions may be considered. There are exceptions to all rules and some testimonials are expressed in the strongest language and still there may be a motive prompting the writer. He may be related. His judgment may be warped by his personal liking for the person recommended. The testimonial may not be prompted by his judgment, but by hidden motives. There is much reason why one should use his own judgment after reading tes-

Testimonials should not be relied on wholly. Other information should be sought to supplement them. No one source of information should be relied upon except in exceptional cases. The opinion of a school superintendent, well acquainted with the teacher and his work, is and should be of great influence. Teachers who have taught the one who is an applicant are specially well qualified to give an opinion and their judgment should have no little weight. The opinion of a patron, who has personal knowledge of the teacher's success, may well be considered, but should not be decisive, because the patron may only know of the teacher's ability to please and but little of the scholarship!

#### Value of Examinations

Our present system of examinations is efficient to a high degree and insures that the li-censed teacher has sufficient knowledge. This, however, does not insure success. The finest teachers do not always have the highest grades. Those having the highest grades may be lacking in government, or ability to reach the pupils in a social way. The frigid teacher, is rarely successful. The teacher must be in touch with the school.

The license and the grades of the teacher should be considered of the highest importance, but should not be deemed alone sufficent. Mistakes are usually the results of carelessness and while it may be quite impossible to avoid mistakes yet by close care and watchfulness many of the bad selections could be avoided.

#### The Duty of School Boards.

School boards are usually composed of busy men, who have no great amount of time to devote to the selection of teachers. They may leave such matters till the time for making the selection has arrived, and then it is too late to acquire the necessary information to act without the probability of making many mistakes, if many teachers are to be selected. They should be fully informed as to the merits of the teachers under consideration. They may not know all but know enough facts to get a good teacher for every place to be filled. There is no excuse to have inferior teachers in the schools of city and town. There are more than enough excellent teachers to fill all such places. The better advantages in city and town draw the better class of teachers while less efficient ones go to the country.

The country school should not be the nursery for the inexperienced teacher. They should not. as a rule, be employed in the city and town schools, In the city and town schools the supply is greater than the demand, and the school board can select the best and leave the rest to find employment elsewhere. This being true no experiment should be indulged in. The school



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board should know that the applicant has had experience, and has succeeded in government.

#### The Character of Teachers.

There are still other things to be considered. Is the teacher moral? This is of high importance and no unnecessary risk should be taken. The fact that before a license is granted the applicant must bring a certificate of good moral character is a commendable safeguard. It must not be expected to accomplish all. All teachers are moral but they may differ in degree. Some are moral in a negative sense, but have no active moral influence. It is not enough that the teacher does nothing wicked or immoral but the best teachers have a moral influence that cannot be described, but can be seen and felt throughout the community where they live. This influence is not only productive of much good in the community, but in the school and should not be lost sight of by the school board in the selection of teachers.

#### Example of Refinement.

The teacher should be refined in manner and speech, and a constant example of refinement to the pupils, who are to be the beneficiaries of The greatest good to the influence. scholars is the thing to be accomplished and if mere teaching is looked after as the term is generally understood and such accessories as refinement and moral atmosphere are overlooked, no school will reap all the advantages that should be so conveniently placed within its

The teacher should know how to dress well, and appear well under all circumstances, and should not stop with dress, but should be a person of good address. With most persons address is acquired, at least in part, though some have it more or less as a gift. If it does not exist at all it should be inculcated, and if it exists it should be cultivated.

In the schoolroom is the place, or is at least one good place, and affords one good opportunity to surround the pupil with an atmosphere that will refine and cultivate the pupil and afford a good example of that personal demeanor that always pleases, and furnishes a safe passport to the favorable consideration of both friends and strangers.

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# School Soard Tournal

#### THE INDIANA CONVENTION.

The second annual convention of the Indiana State Association of School Boards met in State House, Indianapolis, on the 11th day of November at 11 A. M. The weather being very inclement and the announcement of the meeting being sent out very late, the attendance at the first session was very light. After a few remarks by the president, agreement to meet at 2:30 of same day was taken.

Reconvened at appointed time and the membership present was much increased. The president, Will H. Anderson read a very interesting

Prof. Sandison, vice president of Indiana State Normal, gave an informal address on "School Boards," their importance and their work, their duty to the child and the community in which they live.

Allen Hamilton's paper on "What Constitu-tes an Efficient School Board" was then read and very much appreciated. Mr. Hamilton's paper was very ably discussed by Dr. Chaffie and W. J. Myers.

Reconvened at 9 o'clock A. M., Nov. 12.

The question of a closer organization and extension of the work was then opened for discussion. It was suggested that a member from each congressional district of the state should be elected to correspond with the boards in his district and urge them to become members of the Association and attend its meetings. Such member to be known as the vice president of the district.

The regular program was then taken up by W. S. Campbell of Rushville with a spirited address on "School Supplies," where to buy, what to buy, and upon whose recommendation.

A lively discussion followed, those taking part being Messrs. Anderson, Sontag, Yount, Chaffie and Hamilton.

S. B. Lowe of Bedford then read a paper on "Employment and Dismissal of Teachers." In it he discussed the character of the teacher, their relation to the board and superintendent.

The discussion on this paper was very ably led by A. F. Sala of Alexandria. Moved and seconded that a nominating committee be then appointed to nominate the candidates for the following officers: President, thirteen vicepresidents, recording secretary and treasurer, and three or five members of the executive committee. The following members were named as the nominating committee: S. A. Bell, Hammond; M. S. Sontag, Evansville; A. F. Sala, Alexandria; G. W. Woodward, Decatur; H. C. Yount, Covington.

Meeting then adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M. Meeting called to order at 1:30 P. M. Committee on nominations reported as follows:

President-Dr. S. A. Bell, Hammond. Secretary-A. C. Huber, E. Chicago.

Treasurer-Dr. W. C. Chaffie, Huntington. Executive Committee-A. M. Sweeney, In-

dianapolis; Allen Hamilton, Ft. Wayne; J. W. Ratcliffe, West Terre Haute; C. B. Laird, Rack Port; G. W. Woodward, Decatur. Vice Presidents—1st district, M. S. Sontag, Evansville; 2d district, Henry Humley; 3d dis-

trict, D. L. Perry; 4th district, M. D. Reeves; 5th district, J. P. English; 6th district, W. S. Campbell; 7th district, C. W. Moores; 8th district, A. F. Sala; 9th district, H. C. Yount; 10th district, J. B. Moore; 11th district, W. H. Anderson; 12th district, C. S. Bash; 13th district, Geo. A. Baker.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Indiana State Association of School Boards, Adopted November 12, 1903.

#### ARTICLE I.

The title of this Association shall be the Indiana State Association of School Boards.

#### ARTICLE II.

Its objects shall be: First, the discussion of questions relating to the management of Public Schools. Second, the advocacy of needed legislation. Third, the promotion of efforts to increase the efficiency of the public schools of the state.

#### ARTICLE III.

All boards of education of the State of Indiana shall be eligible to membership and shall be entitled to participate in the discussions, and each board shall have as many votes as it has representatives present at such meeting, not to exceed three.

#### ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the association shall be elected at the annual meetings and shall consist of a president, secretary, treasurer and thirteen vicepresidents; one from each congressional district and an executive committee of five members and a legislative committee of five members.

The legislative committee shall scrutinize all bills affecting the public schools that may be presented to the legislature at each session, and make reports thereon to the association. It shall also secure the presentation to the legislature of such measures as may be commanded by the association.

#### ARTICLE V.

The meeting shall be held annually at such city and time as may be chosen by the executive committee and president. Special meetings may be called by the executive committee.

#### ARTICLE VI.

Every school board of the state shall be eligible by paying the annual fee of \$5.00.

#### ARTICLE VII.

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the association by a majority vote of the members present, one month's notice of the change proposed having been given to all members by circular. Or by three-fourths vote without previous notification.



A. C. HUBER. East Chicago.



ANDREW M. SWEENEY. Chairman Executive, 8 Indianapolis.



W. H. ANDERSON. Vice-President, Wabash.

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Names and addresses of persons having charge of the exhibit:

Alaska-Sheldon Jackson, Washington, D. C. Alabama-No exhibit.

Arizona-N. G. Layton, Phoenix.

Arkansas-John H. Hinemon, Little Rock. California-Robert Furlong, San Francisco. Colorado-O. E. Collins, Colorado Springs. Connecticut-Charles D. Hine, Hartford.

Delaware-No exhibit. Florida-No exhibit.

Georgia—No exhibit. Idaho—C. B. Hurtt, Boise.

Illinois--Hon. Jas. H. Farrel, Chicago. Indiana-Hon. Fassett A. Cotton, Indianap-

Indian Terr.-John D. Benedict, Muskogee. Iowa—F. J. Sessions, Cedar Rapids. Kansas—Frank Stanley, Lawrence. Kentucky-H. G. Brownell, Louisville. Louisiana-Dr. W. C. Stubbs, Audubon Park. Maine-No exhibit.

Maryland-Hon. M. B. Stephens, Baltimore. Massachusetts—Geo. E. Gay, Boston.

Michigan-No exhibit.

Minnesota-Miss Susanna E. Sirwell, Minneapolis.

Mississippi—R. H. Henry, Jackson. Missouri—G. V. Buchanan, Sedalia. Nebraska—F. H. Barbour, Lincoln. New Hampshire-No exhibit. New Jersey-S. R. Morse, Trenton. New Mexico-Eusebio Chacon, Las Vegas. New York-Delancey M. Ellis, Rochester. North Carolina—No exhibit. North Dakota—W. L. Stockwell, Bismarck.

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South Carolina-No appropriation. South Dakota-C. C. Bras, Mitchell. Tennessee—B. A. Eulve, Nashville. Texas—W. L. Lemmon, Sherman. Vermont-No exhibit. Washington—R. B. Bryan, Olympia. West Virginia—Thos. C. Miller, Charleston. Wisconsin-Wm. Geo. Bruce, Milwaukee.

Wyoming-State Supt. Thos. T. Tynan, Cheyenne.

Notre Dame, Ind. Notre Dame University has sent rather a unique contribution to the St. Louis Exposition. It consisted of a shipment of nearly 250 century plants, the largest of which weighed nearly two tons. These varieties, green and variegated, are known as architectural

Williamstown, Mass. The principal of the high school has adopted a plan which will keep parents informed of the progress of their children. For every study in which a pupil falls below 70 per cent. a notice is sent to its parents with a request to assist such child in that especial study.

# Questions Regarding Teachers.

Presented in Alphabetical Order for the Use of Boards of Education.

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#### TEACHERS.

Agencies. The teachers' bureau has a legitimate place as a business enterprise. It was called into life because there existed a demand for its services. Both school boards and teachers have been benefitted by its existence. It has served as the clearing house for applicants and vacancies. Honorable men and women are engaged in conducting these bureaus and the cause of education has gained through their labors.

The agency or bureau registers the names of teachers who are seeking positions keeping also a careful record of their history, qualifications, testimonials, etc. They, either, notify teachers of vacancies, or else make direct recommendations of their clients where such vacancies exist.

A fee of one or two dollars is exacted of the teacher who registers with a bureau and a commission of from five to ten per cent. of the first year's salary is paid after the position is secured.

Amusements. In no other set of rules have the idiosyncracies of school administrative labors been envolved more readily than in those restricting the amusements of teachers. In the smaller communities where the teachers stand more prominently before the public eye, the school authorities have, in response to popular sentiment, adopted restrictive measures. In many instances these measures have been solely prompted for the best interests of the schools while in others an over zealous and narrow spirit on the part of a dominant element has brought them into life.

The rules forbid the teacher from attending dances, sociables and card parties, and occasionally a board forgets itself so far as to forbid courting. Modifications are made in localities by exempting Friday and Saturday evenings from the restriction.

Appointments. No duty performed by a school board is of more far reaching importance than the appointment of teachers. In rural school districts this duty is performed by the school board without the intervention of anyone save in some instances the approval of or certification by the county superintendent or commissioner. In districts where three or more teachers are employed the advice of the principal or superintendent is sought.

In the selection, the professional, moral and physical equipment of the applicant should be considered. No person who is not physically and morally sound should be appointed. When experienced teachers are not obtainable those with professional training should be preferred.

Many school boards, in both rural and city districts, now demand normal school graduates. Where the school system is large enough to warrant the employment of a superintendent or a principal the latter is entrusted with the selection of the teachers, subject to the approval of the board. It is here held that if the superintendent is to be held responsible for the efficiency of the schools he must have a voice in the selection of the teachers.

"In judging the fitness of a teacher as to health, morals or temperament," the authorities hold, "there is safety in counsel. The business man's intelligence is essential to the best management of public affairs, even in matters purely educational. His contact with the world has

revealed to him some facts regarding education and its value, and though he may have his own personal bias or prejudice, that he would have to say after a thorough visitation of schools would be practicable, to the point, and free from technicalities."

Authority. State Supt. Fowler of Nebraska, in a ruling regarding a teacher's authority over pupils on their way to and from school, says: "The teacher stands in the place of the parent at school and has the same jurisdiction over the conduct of the pupils there that the parent has at home.

"It seems to be a simple deduction from this principle that the teacher has the authority also over the pupils at all time when they are thrown together in the consequence of attending school, and it would be very disastrous to school discipline if the teachers were denied a reasonable control over the action of the pupils on the way to and from the schoolhouse. This right, therefore, seems to belong to the teacher by the implication without any express statement of the law to that effect." This contention is in accordance with a decision rendered by the Supreme Court of Michigan.

Dismissals. There are school systems in which the teachers hold their positions during the pleasure of the board. The rules provide, however, that teachers who shall have served for three consecutive years shall not be subject to removal, except for some misconduct or incapacity as the board may deem a disqualification.

It is also provided that in order to remove a teacher, charges must be made in writing, a duplicate of which is furnished the teacher against whom the charges are made. The teacher receives a hearing before the committee on qualifications and upon the conclusion of this hearing the committee reports its finding to the board, which makes the final disposition

Certificates. The following rules governing the employment and licensing of teachers prevail in a number of cities:

1. All teachers in the high school may be granted certificates upon presenting to the board of education evidence that they are graduates from some recognized college or normal school, or that they hold state certificates, or that they possess qualifications which under law are equivalent to the above.

2. All teachers in the primary and grammar grades must be graduates from some recognized college or normal school or some high school, approved by the faculty of the state university or the faculty of the normal school and some training school, approved by board of education, or must satisfy the board by examination that they possess qualifications which will fit them equally well for the work they will be required

Successful experience of three years teaching, together with the evidence of growth along professional lines will be considered sufficient ground for the renewal of certificates provided written application be made to the board therefor, stating therein the educational journals and books read, the teachers' associations, institutes or summer schools attended and any other work attempted to strengthen the professional life of the teacher. The board of education may also require the teachers to present a record of some educational work or a thesis

upon some educational topic before such renewal.

4. The examination of all first applicants upon all subjects which they are required to teach and the science and art of teaching shall take place when application for the place is made. All examinations shall take place at the convenience of the board of education by a committee appointed by them for that purpose.

5. Certificates shall be granted for a period

not exceeding five years.

The subject touches a practical phase in school administration. From the school board's point of view it will bear discussion which may lead to profitable results to both boards and teachers. There is no need of disguising the fact that breaches of contract are more largely chargeable to the teaching forces than to boards. This may be accounted for, primarily, in the fact that the individual teacher has more at stake in a contract than the individual school board member. Again, it may be said that the board, in case of a vacancy in the teaching force, can find a teacher more readily than can the teacher find an appointment.

But a contract is a contract. A teacher having accepted an appointment, is morally and legally bound to fill the engagement. Where a contract, either verbal or written, is entered into, the obligation is mutual and conclusive.

A school board that ignores a contract made with a teacher can be held for the salary involved. The courts invariably uphold the teacher where competency and faithful service are proven. Teachers as a rule, avail themselves of their rights in this direction, and, in case of unfair dismissal, secure the salary for the term covered by the contract.

It is seldom, however, that a school board brings an action against a teacher who breaks contract. Even where the conduct of the teacher embarasses the board, legal action is scarcely ever resorted to. The reasons are obvious and various. The teacher has either departed for distant points, is financially irresponsible, etc., etc., or the board deems it cheaper to hire another teacher than begin a lawsuit.

It is not pretentious to say that the average board is disposed to be fair. If a teacher, after having accepted an appointment in one school system, finds a better position in another school system, a release can usually be secured. school board member seldom cares to stand between a teacher and his or her material advantage.

All employes of the board are expected to pay promptly their obligations for services rendered them. Failure to do so should be sufficient warrant for their dismissal after an investigation to verify the facts in each par-

Discipline. Teachers who insult or terrorize their pupils by the constant or frequent use of provoking, irritating, snappish language are subject to severe discipline. The children are their pupils not their menials; for the time being their subjects, not their slaves.

One of the first essentials in the qualification of a teacher is the ability to maintain order and place the class in a teachable condition through the practice of kindness, firmness and a whole-

some enthusiasm.

Dismissal. An Indiana writer on this subject very aptly says: When a school board decides that the services of the teacher or superintendent are no longer required it should let the teacher know the fact so that he can leave the service in such a way as not to suffer humiliation. It is adding insult to injury to allow a teacher or superintendent to work up to the end of the year, and then, without any warning, drop him. If a teacher is not giving satisfaction it is the duty of the board to frankly tell him so and s shoul rected desire the p board

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M won and state in what regard he is failing, and this should be done in time for the fault to be corrected if the teacher is capable of making the desired improvement.

There should be a spirit of fairness on both the part of the board and the teachers. School boards should not dismiss teachers without good cause and after having given due notice; neither should teachers seek and accept two or more appointments when they can fill but one.

A teacher may be punished by fine, suspension or dismissal, after trial before the board of education or a committee of its body, under charges for one of four offences: (1) gross misconduct; (2) insubordination; (3) neglect of duty; (4) general inefficiency. But no teacher should be removed or dismissed, except after trial, under specific charges.

Eligibility. No one is eligible as teacher who does not successfully fulfill one of the following conditions: A, completion of a high school course; B, completion of a high school course of study, with two years' successful experience in teaching; D, completion of normal school course of study; E, completion of a college course of study.

Examinations. The plan pursued by many beards in selecting teachers for the schools is about as follows: Those applying for positions holding no diplomas from recognized universities, colleges or normal schools are given an examination to determine their scholarship, and the examination is so conducted that the examiner does not know whose manuscript he is examining, thus eliminating all personal reasons for showing favors.

After the examination each candidate for appointment to a position appears before a committee composed of the city superintendent and the board of education, each one of whom place an estimate upon the candidate's appearance, self-possession, etc., while under a rapid fire of questions from the committee. These estimates are averaged and the candidates having the highest average in scholarship and the highest average of the estimates made by the committee receive the appointment to the vacancies. This plan is supposed to have the advantage of making merit the only qualification for appointment.

Health. In a number of cities teachers applying for appointments must undergo medical examination, and present certificates from reputable physicians proving good health.

A number of boards rule that applicants of both sexes seeking appointment, after medical examinations, be excluded for the following causes: Pulmonary tuberculosis; marked physical deformity of any kind; pronounced neurasthenia, or nervous exhaustion; irremediable defects in sight or hearing; such organic disorders or such structural or nutritional deficiencies as may prevent the proper care and control of the pupils.

Leave of Absence. When death occurs in the immediate family of any teacher, such teacher should be entitled to leave of absence for four days without loss of salary. A question has arisen over the interpretation of "immediate family." Some teachers have included uncles, grandfathers, mother-in-law, etc. The hoards have allowed it to mean only fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and children.

Any teacher, who, on account of personal illness, is absent from school for a period not exceeding one month, should receive during such absence the regular salary less the amount of a substitute's pay which is usually fixed at from \$1 to \$1.50 per day.

Married. Those who believe that a married woman should not teach urge mainly the following reasons:

That a married teacher owes a duty to her

family, and that, therefore, her presence is demanded at home and with her own children. That family cares detract from the interests in her schoolroom labors. That by holding a position as a teacher she will deprive some single person from means of support. That common avarice or a hankering for dress and finery rather than love for the work prompts her to teach. That a married woman should rely only upon her husband for support. That there should be but one bread winner between husband and wife. That there are times in a married woman's life when ordinary delicacy forbids her presence in the schoolroom.

The opponents of rules prohibiting married women from teaching hold that fitness and character alone determine the employment of teachers, married or single. That a mother is a teacher by natural law. That a married woman has the same rights as her single sister to earn her living. That the seal of disfavor should not be stamped upon marriage. That a prohibitory measure wreaks discriminations and hardships. That it lessens personal freedom and free competition. That it encourages old maidism. That such legislation is special and specious.

Frequently a married teacher holds a lucrative position in the public schools whose husband receives a salary great enough to maintain both in comparative comfort. The injustice of such double employment of husband and wife is felt by the young unmarried woman who is shut out of the schools to give place to the married woman. A married woman having an able bodied husband to provide for her, should strive to become what nature intended her to be, a companion to her husband, a mother to her children, and the queen of her home.

The rules and contracts of most school boards in the employment of teachers provide that the marriage of a woman teacher shall operate as a resignation of her position.

Non-residents. The following expresses the position of boards on the subject of non-resident teachers: No person is employed by the board who is not a legal resident of the city or who does not, after appointment, declare his or her intention in writing, to the board, to become such without delay; provided that, upon application, said person, may be exempted from the provisions of this rule by a majority of the vote of the board.

Outside Occupations. It is frequently found that teachers, more particularly male teachers, are engaged in other occupations after school hours. Some solicit insurance, deal in real estate or serve in clerical capacities.

While school boards in larger cities have adopted rules forbidding teachers to engage in other occupations, the general consensus of opinion has been, where the matter has come under serious discussion, that, the board has no right to interfere. It is here held that, if the occupation does not lower the character of the teacher in the eyes of the pupils or parents, incapacitate him, or in any way lessen his value as a teacher, the board should not meddle.

Personal Appearance. "It is a duty of the first importance," says an authority, "on the part of teachers to be models in personal appearance and in conduct for the pupils under their care. They are especially enjoined to avail themselves of every opportunity to inculcate neatness, promptness, politeness, cheerfulness, truthfulness, patriotism, and all the virtues which contribute to the effectiveness of the school, the good order of society, and the safety of American citizenship."

Politics. The schoolmaster has certain rights which he may or may not exercise. Some board members hold that outside of school hours

the schoolmaster's time is his own. He may teach private classes or follow commercial pursuits, saw wood or make political speeches. In fact, he may do exactly what other citizens do, so long as he fulfills his schoolroom duties.

This idea, however, is vigorously combated. It is held that the teacher holds a relation to society which precludes active partisanship, that his position is a public one and of a nature that renders political activity "pernicious," that the influences

Private Instruction. In some school systems a rule prevails forbidding teachers in city schools from giving private instructions to pupils for pay. The rule has grown out of the fact that teachers have neglected their pupils in order to recruit from them classes for private instruction.

Professional Training. An authority says: "The idea is prevalent that all that is required to make a good teacher is good health, good character and a fair education. It must be admitted that these are essential qualities, but until some special training is universally demanded teaching will never take its place among the professions." Just as the lawyer, the physician and the clergymen must have special training so should the teacher after receiving a liberal education in general branches, secure a special training in the art of teaching.

Substitutes. School authorities should constantly keep on file a list of substitute teachers to be called into service as may be needed whenever regular teachers are absent. The qualifications of such teachers cannot always be fixed at a high standard but care should be taken that at least fairly mediocre material be secured.

Testimenials. No uniform practice in granting recommendations to teachers has as yet been adopted. While many school officials are careful and conscientious in what they state regarding the character and efficiency of a teacher, there are those who write out recommendations in such general terms as to mean anything and nothing. Recommendations in order to be serviceable should be free from complimentary expressions and general statements, and should embody information on the following points: 1st, scholarship; 2d, personality and discipline; 3d, teaching ability; 4th, popularity; 5th, general health; 6th, character.

In school districts where no superintendent or principal is employed the recommendations should be signed by the whole board. They should be signed by the superintendent or principal where such are employed.

Rating. Rules on this subject usually provide that the superintendent or principal at the close of every semester report on the qualification of teachers. These reports are to state whether 'the teacher rendered excellent, good, medium or poor service during the preceding school year. The members of the board and the teachers have access to this data, which is considered confidential so far as the press and the public are concerned.

Visiting. Prof. William J. Milne says: "Boards of education should require teachers to visit at other schools. The school teachers cannot keep up to the desired standard by always looking on their own work. In order to absorb ideas they must go to the schoolrooms of others, and the system of having them report on their visits is useful."

To this may be added the opinion of Prof. N. Wilkinson, who says: "The teachers of any city should not only come in contact with the variety of ideas in the schools of their own system, but with the best thought of their fellows in other cities as well as the best thought of educational conventions."

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#### THE OHIO SCHOOL MUDDLE.

The action of the Supreme Court of Ohio in declaring the school code of that state unconstitutional has resulted in a veritable flood of schemes for the future administration of the schools.

It is unlikely that ever before in the history of the country there has been such a wide and thorough discussion in any one state on the subject of school administration. The best minds of the state are engaged in devising a plan that will not only come within the scope of the constitution, but that will serve in strengthening the school interests of the state.

School officials, schoolmasters, editors and politicians are all busy hammering out ingenious methods for creating school boards, limiting their membership, fixing their tenure and guiding their actions. The subject is approached from every angle and every point of the compass, and thrashed out to the bewilderment of the legislative factors who must, at an early date, provide a school code for the state.

The contest affords an interesting spectacle. The professional factors favor a centralized form of school administration, together with a clear-cut division between the educational and business departments.

The average school official prefers a democratic form of school government, making the school boards elective, with direct representation, retention of the appointive power, final approval and veto power on all matters of an educational and business character.

The herculean task to formulate a plan that will be most acceptable to the various school interests of the state remains with the legislature.

# THE BOAST OF TEXT-BOOK UNIFORMITY.

When the question of text-book uniformity, state or county, once becomes a part of a political platform, the party promulgating the same usually shouts itself hoarse with extravagant praise for the measure.

The politicians behind the platform declarations tell with delightful boldness of the hundreds of thousands of dollars about to be saved to the state in the purchase of school books. The press lauds the measure as a masterstroke in economics.

It has become a sort of a political fad to urge text-book legislation of every conceivable sort against educational publishers who are "wringing millions out of the masses." When the issue has reached the heated stage where any number of political leaders have com-

mitted themselves to the catch cry, calm reasoning on the real merits of the text-book uniformity problem is out of the question.

The facts are that while a uniform system of text-books for either county or state has some merit in that books may be obtained at a trifle lower cost, this advantage does not compensate its disadvantages. It stands to reason that when books are adopted for a whole state the price will be cheaper than if adopted for one town only.

Note the other side of the question: State text-book uniformity takes a discretionary power from the local authorities and places it into the hands of the state. It takes the exercise of judgment and control from the many and centers it into the hands of the few.

The fundamental idea of our form of government is to give the widest possible latitude in the matter of local self-government. This idea must find its best inception and consequent realization in its schools and in their administration. The development of democratic thought and feeling is best fostered through a wide latitude in the administration of the educational affairs of a community.

But text-book uniformity is not only contrary to the spirit of our form of government, which is serious enough to condemn it, but it bears other evils. It prevents the selection of such books as will serve particular local needs, or meet peculiar local conditions. It builds up a small autocratic machinery in state politics which believes itself capable of doing the thinking for the thousands of school board members who have been chosen by the people to administer their schools.

It is a sad commentary on school boards to contend that in conjunction with their professional factors, they should be unable to say what books or supplies shall be used in the schools.

#### CONTRACTUAL, NOT OFFICIAL.

The Supreme Court of New York has established the exact relation between school boards and teachers in an important decision recently rendered.

It has been a question of vital import to the teachers of New York whether or not the Board of Education was legally empowered, in 1897, to adopt a by-law, by which teachers are compelled to forfeit their pay for days when they are absent from duty. On the side of the teachers the argument has been advanced that they stood in the same position as other city employees, and in other departments it is not customary to deduct from salaries for days of absence when sickness or some other good excuse is given.

By a decision of the Supreme Court handed down recently, following a former decision that a teacher's relation to the city is contractual and not that of an officer, the Board of Education can deduct from salaries pay for days of absence.

This ruling was an outcome of a suit brought by a teacher to recover \$192.68, because she was absent during an illness. Under the Charter of 1897, board powers were given to the School Board, and under these powers,

it is held, a valid by-law could be adopted, deducting pay for absences.

#### SELECTION OF A SITE.

The methods usually employed in the selection of a school site are far from perfect. When it becomes known that a particular piece of ground is wanted for school house purposes, the price immediately advances. Real estate men are on hand to conduct negotiations.

Where a city council is the Caesar to whom the school board must appeal, the site selected is likely to be anywhere except where it really ought to be. Again, the selection of a school site is frequently attended with corruption and scandal.

Thus the present method is not only an expensive one, but does not even then lead to the selection of the most suitable building grounds at the most advantageous price.

The better method is the one by which sites are secured through legal condemnation proceedings. Here the school board primarily makes its selection of the site, secures a central location as to school population and consistent with probable future needs of the ward or district. The court appoints appraisers to fix a valuation and the price finally paid for the property is likely to be somewhere near its actual value.

This method has been the means of saving thousands of dollars in the cities where it is in vogue, as against the "bargain and sale" system so prevalent now.

When the laws on the condemnation of land are too slow in operation or otherwise inadequate, efforts should be made on the part of the school authorities to secure a legislative remedy.

The sums saved in the purchase of a site will go a long way in improving the equipment of the new school building.

#### SCHOOL ARCHITECTURE IN EUROPE.

The subject of school architecture has nowhere received more thoughtful care than it has in Continental Europe. The schoolmaster together with the architect have from time to time evolved new ideas which were incorporated in new structures. The latter came at long intervals only, and were so substantial that they will remain for an indefinite time.

Here, as elsewhere, local conditions together with the courses of study pursued have influenced largely the character of the structures. These were made to serve in the fullest measure the needs of the school—on the assumption that the house must fit the school in order to be a schoolhouse in the best sense of that term.

Thus, the best thoughts in schoolhouse essentials came to us more than a century ago from Europe, and more particularly from the Teutonic countries. Germany, Austria and Switzerland have led in the beauty and utility of their school buildings.

The architecture is usually correct in outline and, while not always beautiful, is at least tasteful and in keeping with accepted ideas on the subject. The grounds, too, are usually spacious in order to afford the most plea lines grou T thou the tran

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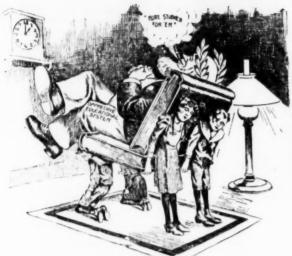
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pleasing effects and give the architectural outlines the strongest possible setting and background.

The utilitarian side has received equal thought and care. The economy of space in the division of class-rooms, corridors and entrances, finds its expression in most ingenious crientation of the floor plans.

In the direction of sanitation the subject of lighting has perhaps received the greater attention. Germany has fixed the standard for class-room lighting. This standard, which is now popularly known as the German system, provides that the light must come from one side of the room only and pass over the left shoulder. Under favorable conditions the window surface must be at least one-fifth and under unfavorable conditions at least one-fourth of the floor space. Light from the rear is objected to because it casts a glare into the teacher's eyes and causes cross shadows on the pupils' desks.

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Light, in fact, is looked upon as a factor of such great importance that it receives the first consideration under the head of sanitary equipment. Aside from its common uses, it is regarded as a disinfectant in that it kills the most deadly germs. As already stated, schoolhouses, like all public buildings in Germany, are surrounded by ample space in order to give an effectful setting to the architecture. But it is also done to enlarge the facilities for light-

ing. The corridors as well as the class-rooms in numerous instances receive their light from the outside, thus accomplishing in a measure through light, together with the ample space which may surround a building, what we aim to accomplish by mechanical ventilation.

The next feature, one which is brought about by the necessities of the course of study, is the gymnasium. Every modern schoolhouse, be it a grammar or high school, is equipped with a gymnasium, for the use of both sexes. These gymnasiums are sometimes found upon the second or third floors, but more frequently upon the ground floor, and accessible from the playgrounds as well as from the school.

Separate wardrobes are not common. When garments are not hung in class-rooms they are placed in the corridors.

The school-grounds receive great care. Landscape gardening is fostered here as well as the so-called school-gardens. Plants, flowers and shrubbery are not only grown in order to enhance the beauty of the grounds but also to serve as a study for the pupils.

#### HONORING SUPERINTENDENTS.

The distinction conferred upon Superintendent Balliet of Springfield, Mass., a year or two ago, and the recent ovation tendered to Superintendent Martindale of Detroit, are proper reminders of the respect due the average schoolmaster. In both cities the school

people and citizens turned out in gratifying numbers to do honor to the educational leader of the community.

Contrast public ovations of this kind with those communities where the superintendent's name is seldom mentioned, except in a fault finding way, where the school board lacks adequate appreciation for profesional labors well performed, where the superintendent's tenure of office hangs upon the slender thread of political scenery shifting.

The school superintendent who is all that his title implies; who possesses the scholar-ship, professional teachership, moral character, tact and executive ability—does not receive in mere dollars and cents all that he is worth to the community. He performs a service to society and to the state for which no one can compensate him. The consciousness and satisfaction of having performed a service of a high order, alone, can be his best compensation.

The Springfield and Detroit ovations should be repeated elsewhere. We know dozens of patriotic, self-sacrificing and successful school superintendents to whom a public expresion of gratitude would prove a genuine surprise party.

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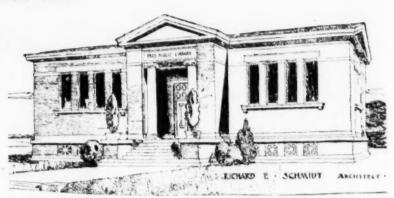
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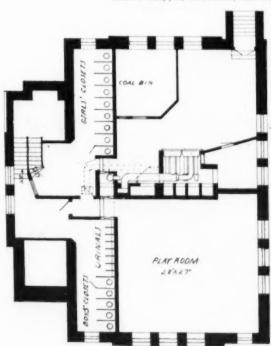


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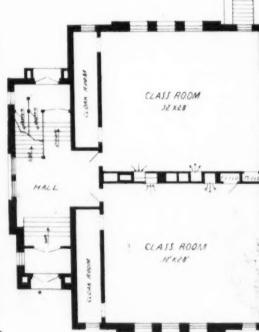


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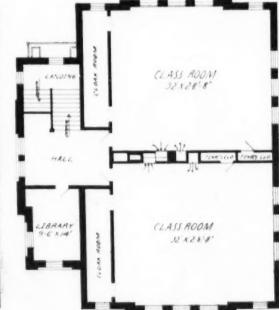




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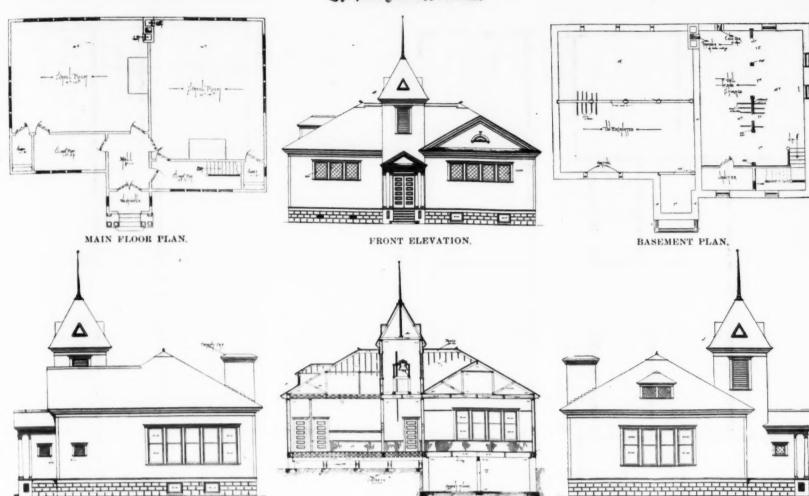


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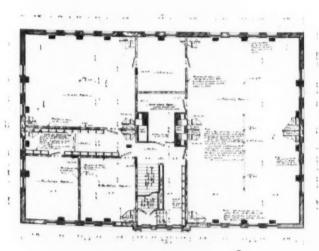
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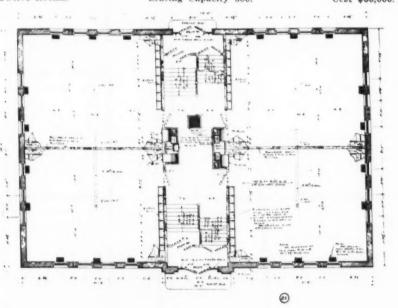
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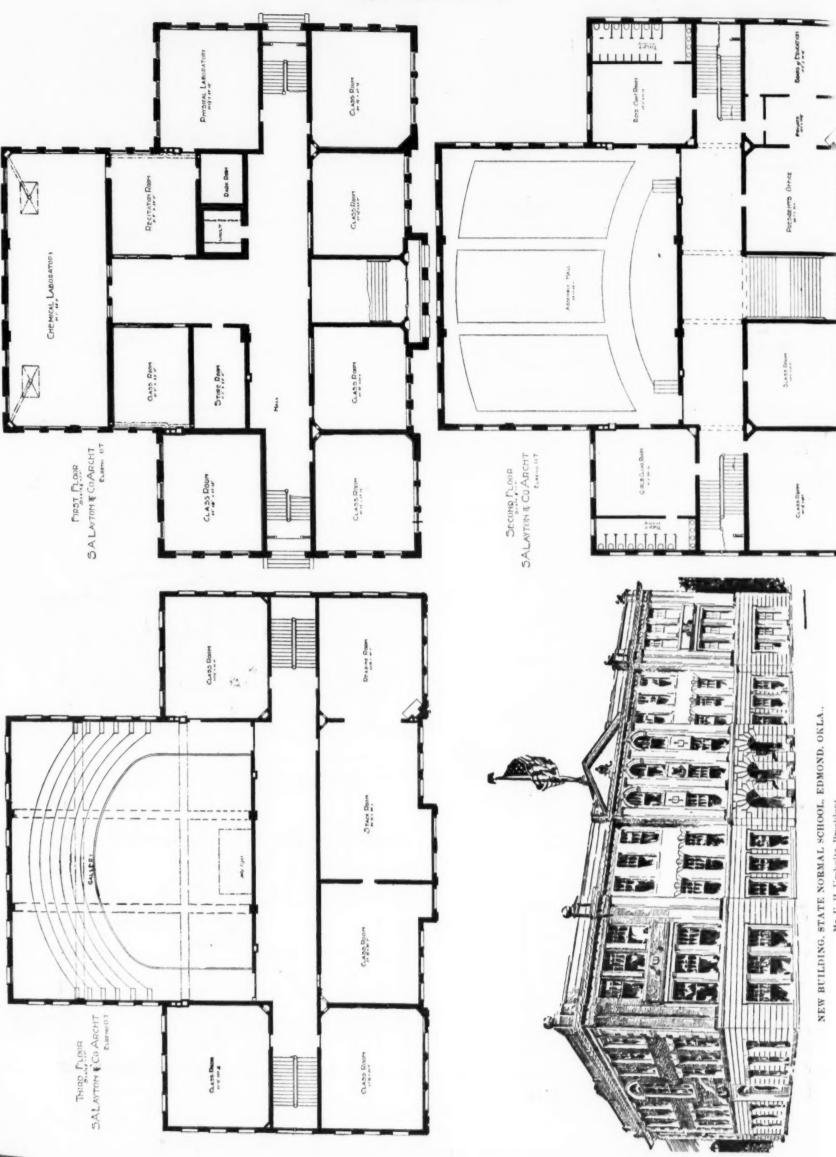


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# The School Superintendent.

William H. Maxwell, city superintendent of schools, is almost certain of re-election on the expiration of his term, on March 14, 1904. Mr. Maxwell was appointed to his present place on March 15, 1898.

Though there has been some talk to the effect that the incoming mayor will soon be able to control the board, this is an absolute impossibility. The new members who take their seats next year have already been appointed by Mayor Low. Mr. McClellan will have the power to appoint nine commissioners next November, and nine the following November, his appointments taking effect on the first of the year following. There are forty-six members of the board, and the eighteen vacancies that will come in the Tammany administration would not give the latter even half the body, for the Tammany appointees now on the board will be the first to have their terms expire.

Omaha, Neb. In speaking of secondary education, Supt. Carroll G. Pearse recently said:

"The old notion that education is purely an academic affair and has no need to be practical is fast losing ground among those who have to do with public schools. The boys and girls who go from the high school into business or into a profession largely outnumber those who continue their studies in the college or the university. It is not likely that the courses which fit for college will ever be taken from the high school. These courses give a fine general training regardless of what manner of life is to follow them.

Brooklyn, N. Y. The course announced for this season includes lectures on Electricity, Astronomy, Chemistry, Literature, Music, Art, History, Architecture, Natural Science, Sociology, Descriptive Geography and Travel. As was the practice last season, nearly all of the lectures will be fully illustrated by practical experiments or by the aid of the stereopticon or the more modern apparatus used to depict mo-In connection with the lectures, platform libraries will be used, thus inculcating the habit of useful reading along lines on which the discourses are given. As a further aid in that direction, the managers of the public libraries in all parts of Brooklyn and Queens have promised to co-operate in the departure.

State Superintendent Fowler of Nebraska, in discussing the advisability of teaching the elements of agriculture in the rural schools, says:

"Much of the work of the school, including instruction in geography, arithmetic, science and literature might be correlated profitably with instruction in agriculture and nature study. A school garden with the actual work intelligently directed might prove an inspiration to honest toil and better living. As the effect of teaching vocal music daily in the schoolroom is felt in the church, the Sabbath school, in society and in all public gatherings, so the teaching of agriculture and nature study will affect and improve every farm and garden and lawn and flowerbox in the neighborhood. The attractions of farm life may be thus enhanced and the exodus to the city diminished.

"Instruction in agriculture, properly presented, will increase interest in school life and in farm life. The care of stock, the protection of insectivorous birds, the preservation of game, the engineering of the farm, the great physical universe, will appeal directly to the boys, and

the domestic science, including preservation of fruit and dairying and rural economy, will interest the girls. The farm is the groundwork, the backbone, the sinew, of our health, our wealth, our happiness. It must remain so. Keep close to nature for physical, intellectual and spiritual strength and growth."

Batavia, N. Y. Five years ago the local school inspector, Mr. John Kennedy, advised the school board not to start a new schoolroom—which at that time was badly needed—but to place two teachers in the crowded rooms; one to teach the classes, the other to go among the pupils helping the dull and backward ones. The plan has proved an unqualified success in the rooms where introduced. State Superintendent Chas. R. Skinner speaks highly of the "Batavia idea."

Vermilion County, Ill. A new system of rewards for punctuality and perfect attendance has been installed by Superintendent Holmes in the county schools. Every month small certificates are issued to pupils who have neither been absent nor tardy during that month. When a pupil gets five of these, they are exchanged for a large certificate, handsomely engraved, after the manner of a diploma and suitable for framing. The system is working splendidly and the pupils seem anxious to acquire the certificates.

Baltimore, Md. Spanish has been added to the course of instruction in the Baltimore city college.

#### One or Two High School Sessions?

The question whether high schools should have one or two sessions comes up as frequently as any other question pertaining to school administration.

A fair discussion of the subject is made in a communication by Prof. Albert H. Wilcox sent to the board of education of Rochester, N. Y. It reads as follows:

In considering the question of the proper session, two general types present themselves for discussion.

First, a double session similar to that of our grammar schools, consisting of a morning session of about three hours and an afternoon session of two, with an intermission of about one hour and a half at noon.

Second, a single session, with a much shorter intermission, or none at all.

The requirements of a high school session are briefly these: A general assembly period of fifteen or twenty minutes devoted to music, recitations and declamations and kindred exercises; three to five recitation periods of forty minutes; an opportunity for quiet study and for the preparation of a good portion of the lessons assigned; an additional opportunity for individual work between teacher and pupil outside of the formal recitation, when pupils may regain what they have lost through absence or failure to comprehend the work of the recitation room; recesses sufficient in number and in length to guard against undue nervous tension and exhaustion; a luncheon period, if the session covers the time when pupils naturally require food.

There are many arguments in favor of the double session. Confinement in the school room and application to its tasks draw upon the nervous energy of children so that their ability to study or to give attention in the recitation is reduced rapidly from the maximum to the mini-

mum. Experience has shown that at the end of three hours this minimum is reached with the average pupil.

The rest at noon permits the pupil to return for the afternoon with nervous energy restored nearly to the maximum. The studies of the afternoon find the pupil not quite so fresh as in the morning, and nervous energy is dissipated more rapidly, so that two hours has been found to be the best length of time for the second session.

In larger cities, where the high school is from one to three miles from the homes of the majority of the pupils, and where for part of the year, at least, they must walk for some distance or ride on street cars, the time spent in going and coming and the expense of car fare make the double session impossible.

Granting that the single session is better for a large city, the question is narrowed to the length of such a session and the time for opening and closing it. Three common types can be found in various cities.

First, a session from 9 until 1 with no intermission of any considerable length; second, a session from half-past 8 until 1, with a fairly long recess somewhere between 11 and 12; third, a session from 9 until 2, with an intermission somewhat similar to the second type.

The argument in favor of the first session is its shortness, representing a minimum of confinement and a maximum possibility of time outdoors and at home. The chief objections to it are the long and continued strain of four hours which it imposes and the fact that it neither releases the pupils in time to eat their noon meal with their families at home, nor does it provide any substitute at school.

The second plan is objectionable as to the opening hour. In most homes affairs are arranged so as to permit the children to reach school at 9; also many boys and girls of high school age help at their homes in the morning or are employed for an hour or more before school, if there is time. In some cases attendance at high school turns on this possibility of employment. Under this plan also the hour of closing is too late to permit pupils to reach home for the noon meal with their families. It would seem then that the session should begin at 9 and continue long enough to secure the essential features of a high school session mentioned above. Therefore, I recommend the following session:

9:00 to 9:20, roll call and assembly; 9:20 to 10:00, first recitation period; 10:05 to 10:45, second recitation period; 10:50 to 11:30, third recitation period; 11:35 to 12:15, fourth recitation period; 12:15 to 12:45, luncheon; 12:40 to 1:25, fifth recitation period; 1:30 to 2:10, sixth recitation period.

The majority of pupils have four recitations a day; some only three. Under this plan most of the pupils can prepare half of their lessons in school and some of them can prepare all of the work. While the limits of the session cover five hours, the maximum time spent in recitations would be two hours and forty minutes, while for many it would be only two hours; the time for study would range from one hour and twenty minutes to two hours, and between the opening and close of the session there would be a total of one hour and ten minutes for relaxation for all pupils. Ample time is given for a substantial luncheon and for a daily gathering in the assembly room.

#### A NEW SCHOOL CODE FOR OHIO.

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test. But I am afraid that inefficiency and weakness would be found quite as invulnerable to the attacks of the good people. Barring flagrant immorality and a degree of incompetency bordering on imbecility, it seems to me the Cleveland superintendent is practically irremovable. I can not see how ordinary incompetency could be got rid of in that office except by natural death, revolution, or assassination.

I do not think it even desirable that the superintendent should be elected for a very long term until after trial. In fact, the whole question of length of term is best left to individual boards, but it should be possible, where boards desire to do so, to elect for indefinite terms, i. e., during satisfactory service. For whatever term the superintendent is elected, it should be impossible to reduce his salary, and impossible to remove him except upon three-quarters vote, during that term. In this way the superintendent who had secured the confidence of his board and constituency sufficiently to obtain an indefinite election, would be as secure and free in the administration of the schools as it is desirable for any fallible mortal to be in wielding such a tremendous responsibility.

Text Books. In the matter of text-books there can not be two opinions. Into the selection of teachers ordinary common sense and knowledge of human nature may enter largely. Here the superintendent may not be superior to the intelligent board member. But the choosing of text-books should be based on purely professional considerations, and here the expert is, or should be, supreme. It is the superintendent's business to know the principles of sound education and to know text-books; consequently to know in a given case whether the two are in accord. If he does not know this better than his board he has no business to be a superintendent. The peripatetic book man must be considered in this connection. I do not undervalue him. He is an indispensible cog in the modern educational machinery. Without him the superintendent's book shelves would present the desolate appearance of Mrs. Hubbard's justly celebrated cupboard on the occasion of a certain memorable visit and teachers gatherings would be robbed of half their sunshine. But the Ohio legislature will fall short of performing its whole duty next winter if it does not fix things so that the book man will find it necessary to do business with the superintendent of schools exclusively. Let the latter have sole initiative in the selection of books, and require a three-fourths vote to reject a recommendation or to adopt a book without it.

As for the rest, the present Ohio text-book law is excellent. Let it stand. It allows sufficient freedom of change, but puts a check on capricious and ill-considered action. Its permissive but not mandatory free text-book clause gives to that important matter just the status it should have in the present condition of educational opinion.

There may come up next winter a uniform text-book proposition. If so, it should be accorded the courtesy of quiet but early burial. State uniformity has nothing to recommend it. not even its common plea of cheapness.

Teachers' Salaries. Well authenticated ru mors are going about that a minimum salary bill fixing lowest compensation for teachers at \$40 a month will be presented to the code makers, and that the prospects of its passing are We prostrate ourselves in profound excellent. and grateful salaam to the good patron saint who has this document enveloped in the ample folds of his tunic. Having done this we rise to say that, beneficent as this provision undoubtedly will be, it touches only a small part

of the real financial problem of the profession. It is not the raw recruit in the service that needs financial assistance so much as the veteran. I do not hesitate to assert that there is no profession or occupation in this country today that pays so much to the untrained and untried beginner as the profession of teaching. I have made this statement repeatedly before bodies of teachers, and no one has ever yet had the hardihood to attempt a refutal. Why does the prospective doctor or lawyer turn to teaching in order to recuperate his finances and continue his professional course? Why does he not use his own profession for this purpose? Aside from the barriers which society has erected to protect itself from crude ignorance in these lines, there is the very practical reason that there is no employer to be found who is willing to pay him as much for doing what he does not know how to do as a board of education. Forty dollars a month is not too much for even the beginner in school teaching, but it is the teacher who has served her apprenticeship, who really knows how to teach school, who most needs the kindly ministrations of our law-makers. How shall this be done? To pay the experienced and skillful teacher as much more than \$40 a month as her services are more valuable than those of the beginner is out of the question. The public schools are already the largest item in the municipal expense account. It is simply impossible for any ordinary community to pay its good teachers what they ought to receive. It is not a question of willingness, but of economic possibility. However, there is a means by which the twilight of the teacher's career can be robbed of its chief terror-old age poverty; that is, by pensions.

Some form of teachers' pension Pensions. system is already in operation in most of the large cities in this country. That is to say, a means of paying annuities to superanuated teachers is provided. But they are not pensions in the common meaning of the word, since the funds are provided by the teachers themselves. It is voluntary mutual insurance rather than pensions. The Ohio legislature has already passed a law authorizing school districts anywhere in the state to establish pension funds by withholding \$2 a month from the salaries of such teachers as express a desire to become contributors and ultimately beneficiaries of the fund. The scheme seems admirable in all respects as such schemes go. The vital objection is that such payments are not pensions at all. The funds from which our war pensions are paid were not obtained by deducting certain amounts from the pittances paid the soldiers for their services. They are paid by a generous and grateful government out of general taxation. However, there is no objection to the teachers bearing a proportionate part of the burden of pensions. Let the present law be retained as to general scheme, but throw the opportunity open to every teacher in the state. Let state, local community, and teacher be equal partners in the plan. Let the teacher contribute, say, 1 per cent, of her salary. Let state and community each furnish a like amount. Then we shall have something approaching a real pension system. The teacher who has outlived her usefulness can enter undismayed into honorable retirement. Both school and teacher will be benefited, and the public will find it in the long run an economy. There should be no sentiment among teachers against accepting a pension. It is not a charity; it is a right-a right that they have earned by continued faithful and efficient service. In conclusion it may be said that there is to-day no civilized nation on the globe which does not pay pensions-real pensions to its teachers except England and America.

It should be possible also to elect teachers indefinite terms, and in other respects the co ditions of tenure should be the same for the as have been outlined for the superintendent.

Higher Professional Standard. Along w the more attractive material conditions of profession should go larger professional requi ments for admission. Let the profession teaching be made attractive, then make it ha to get in. Let the legislature fix the minimu salary at \$40, and then see to it that only \$ teachers get a chance at the salary. But the should be caution and the very highest wisde exercised in fixing the standard of entran-Above all it must be kept in mind that Heave is not gained at a single bound. It is well hitch the wagon to a star, but for all that v must never let our feet leave the ground. cannot fix barriers that will be prohibitive and leave the schoolrooms unmanned. Let us re member that to-day, with almost no standard of admission, there are schools in the state of Ohio which can not find a teacher. Let us by all means set some educational requirements for candidates, but let these be stated quantitatively and lend themselves to some latitude of interpretation. Let there be no list of specific subjects, which candidates must have passed through. The educational pasture is pretty broad now-a-days and there is good browsing in all its parts. If those who come out of it to market tip the scales at the right figure, let us not be too much concerned to know in which corner they got their grass, nor the botanical names of all the varieties consumed.

Certification. This leads us naturally to the question of the certification of teachers. No system of certification based upon written re plies to purely academic questions and administered by human fallibility can possibly be devoid of imperfections or fail to work some injustice. And yet no other method has yet found general acceptance. So we may as well reckon with the situation as it is. I do not see but that the present method of certificating teachers is as good as any. That is, unless the county superintendent should be created, in which case he should have sole charge of cer tificating the teachers in the schools over which he has charge, but no others.. Diplomas of reputable educational institutions should re-

receive recognition.

State Aid. The state of Ohio is already very generous in supplementing local taxation for school purposes, as compared with other states. The one-mill levy and the interest on the irreducible debt are monuments to the wisdom and foresight of the fathers in matters of edu cation. But the time has come to go forward in this same direction. The growing sense of civic solidarity which is perhaps the most strik ing characteristic of recent sociological evolu tion has prepared the people for the assumption on the part of the state of a larger responsibility for the education of all its youth. The funds referred to are for general school purposes and should stand as they are. The additional aid granted should be for special purposes and should be applied where it will do the most good. There are two points in the educational system where help is very much needed at present. These are the weak town high school and the weak rural school. Time is wanting to demonstrate these propositions, but they will probably not meet any general disagreement in this body Minnesota, to mention only one instance, al ready grants \$800 a year to approved high schools. Ohio could improve very much on this plan by proportioning its aid to local effort somewhat as Mr. Carnegie does with his library gifts. The same is true of the rural schools whose need of assistance no one at all familia: with their conditions can deny.

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#### Interfered with Honeymoon.

Mr. L. F. Gates, western manager of D. Appleton & Co. at Chicago recently concluded to take unto himself a wife. The happy day was fixed for December 21.

A week before this date he received a notice to serve on a jury in one of the local courts which would be in continuous session for a month. Gates was in a great stew over the interference with his plans, but the generalship which he usually displays in matters of business soon came to his aid. He sat down and wrote to the court the following letter:

Dear Judge: I have been summoned to appear in your court on the 21st inst. to serve as a juror. I appreciate the distinction you confer upon me in being permitted to perform so important a duty of American citizenship, and I feel that I ought to comply, without a murmur, were it not for a peculiar circumstance.

I seems that, on the very day that you demand my presence in the sacred halls of justice, I am required elsewhere. To disappoint you will be serious in that you adjudge me in contempt, which means a fine or imprisonment, or both

On the other hand I have agreed on that day to lead to the altar, a fair lady, make her my wife and promise to love and cherish her until death doth us part. Which engagement shall I keep—court or altar?

Now, judge, if you were young once more and had a beautiful bride—but I beg your pardon for attempting to argue this matter. Do you think that under the circumstances I would really make a good juror? Yours truly, L. F. Gates.

The following brief reply reached Mr. Gates' desk next morning:

Dear Sir: I too was young once. You are excused. (Signed by the judge.)

The marriage took place on the day set and the happy couple is now off spending the honey-

#### A Bookman in Public Life.

The bookman's versatility and adaptability for other vocations in life and his serviceableness in a public capacity is illustrated from time to time.

Mr. Frank Smith of Thompson, Brown & Co. served in the state legislature of Massachusetts with credit to himself and his district.

Mr. H. L. Holliday of the American Book Co. has simultaneously filled the position of bookman and postmaster doing justice to both. Mr. Holliday is the postmaster of Pittsburg and commands the highest respect in the community.

Mr. W. W. Tapley of the Milton-Bradley Co. of Springfield, Mass., served a term in the city council a few years ago in a most creditable manner.

Mr. C. E. Brown, who now represents the American Book Co. in Ohio, formerly lived in Wisconsin, where he represented the late firm of Butler, Sheldon & Co. He resided in Madison, where he filled a seat in the Board of Aldermen in a most able manner.

Mr. R. L. Myers of the firm of Myers, Fishel & Co. of Harrisburg, Pa., served as senator in the legislature of Pennsylvania affecting some progressive school legislation.

And now we learn of John F. L. Morris, the popular Philadelphia agent of Ginn & Company in the role of a common councilman. Morris is by no means common. He is uncommon to say the least in that he is a cultured gentleman, a successful bookman and an honest and efficient public servant.

There are, no doubt, many other bookmen who are, in the home cities, filling positions of public trust and honor.

Wm. Mihills, formerly a bookman has gone into the laundry business at Cedar Rapids, Ia. His old friends among the clan now call him the "he washerwoman." They say "Billy now makes a clean profit of three hundred dollars a week—more than he ever earned at the book business."

Ed. Ravenbyrne, who was formerly connected with D. C. Heath & Co., looking after the firm's parochial school trade in the West. Mr. Ravenbyrne carries with him his usual humor and avordupois. He is an Irishman in wit, an Englishman in accent and a Yankee in grit. This makes him jovial, interesting and successful.

#### Skinner's Centennial Ode.

The popular educational author and bookman, Hubert M. Skinner, connected with the Chicago office of the American Book Company has written an ode on Louisiana, anent the St. Louis World's Fair. It has been pronounced a fine production, rich in thought, poetic in expression and perfect in diction.

It reads as follows:

Only a hundred years,
Blown on the breath of time!
Only a phantom screen,
Closing an act sublime!
Only a spray of drops
Flung from the ocean gray!
Only the grains of sand
Tossed in an infant's play!

Never was heard the cycle stroke,
Yet the dial pointed to morn,
And over the clock of God there broke
The light of an age new-born.
Then a shifting scene, and a virgin land
Like a paradise lay outspread,
And Louisiana, fair and grand,
To the Saxon world was wed.

Land of the heroes of story, who roved, through the ages past,
Over the wastes of waters, and threaded the forests

vast, Bearing the cross and the banner, and braving the

hostile shore, Dauntless and all aflame with the message that they

Eagle and lion blended, angel and man they seemed,
And they wrought and fought and endured and prayed

and hoped and dreamed!
Gleams in the light of fancy like sheen upon armor

glow,
As we peer through the mist of ages on the heroes of long ago.

Huge and heroic figures their lengthened shadows cast, And we strain our eyes for the glimpses that come from the storied past.

Not into our bright noontide think ye may ever stray, Heroes of Louisiana! The voice of Time saith nay. Gene from the earth forever the age when ye were men; Gone to the realm of story,—the Whither, beyond the ken!

Tis another world that our vision meets. In the myriads thronging in our streets. From every nation beneath the sun Comes the voice of greeting. The world is one. What hath He wrought, who rules the lands, And moids the centuries in His hands? All that humanity ere had done—Every triumph that man had won, Doubled and multiplied, raised to powers—All has been wrought in this land of ours! View it, souls of the mighty seers! All has been wrought in a hundred years! Linked by only a century's span, The age of story, the day of MAN!

Prophet, O what shall the future be, As the ages roll to eternity!



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HUBERT M. SKINNER, The Bookman-Poet.

Brain and muscle and tongue and pen-What is their limit, with mortal men? Cease, O mortal, and stand in awe. Vainly wouldst thou the secret draw; Vain thy request. As the Holy Grail, Ilid from Arthurian knights in mail, Over the mountain meres afar Gleamed at night like a passing star, Borne by angels from human sight, Be it enough, this passing light. All thou seest is prophecy. O.' a grander world that is yet to be.

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#### MEMORY MENDING.

#### What Food Alone Can Do for the Memory.

The influence of food upon the brain and memory is so little understood that people are inclined to marvel at it.

Take a person who has been living on improperly selected food and put him upon a scientific diet in which the food Grape-Nuts is largely used and the increase of the mental power that follows is truly remarkable.

A Canadian who was sent to Colorado for his health illustrates this point in a most convincing manner: "One year ago I came from Canada a nervous wreck, so my physician said, and reduced in weight to almost a skeleton and my memory was so poor that conversations had to be repeated that had taken place only a few hours before. I was unable to rest day or night for my nervous system was shattered.

"The change of climate helped me a little but it was soon seen that this was not all that I needed I required the proper selection of food although I did not realize it until a friend recommended Grape-Nuts to me and I gave this food a thorough trial. Then I realized what the right food could do and I began to change in my feelings and bodily condition. This kept up until now after 6 months' use of Grape-Nuts all my nerv ous trouble has entirely disappeared, I have gained in flesh all that I had lost and what is more wonderful to me than anything else my memory is as good as it ever was. Truly Grape-Nuts has remade me all over, mind and body. when I never expected to be well and happy again." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

#### BOOKMEN.

Harry Helmer, who was formerly with Butler, Sheldon & Co., has accepted a position with D. C. Heath & Co., covering a part of the Illinois territory.

A. E. Chapman of the Macmillan Company has changed his residence from Chicago to Milwaukee. He looks after the company's northwestern business.

Mr. E. E. Smith, formerly Southern agent for D. C. Heath & Company and also at one time manager of the educational department of Rand, McNally & Company, has quit the book field entirely. He is now the business manager of the Industrial Age, a monthly business man's magazine, published at Chicago.

The report that the Globe School Book Company had closed its Chicago and New York offices is denied by Mr. I. H. Butler of the company. The organization is undergoing a change in order to develop the business. The Chicago office is located at 315 Wabash avenue and the New York office at 136 Fifth avenue.

#### AN IMPORTANT PROMOTION.

This country has lost one of its most brilliant scholars in Mathematics through the acceptance by Daniel A. Murray, Ph. D. of the Professorship of Mathematics at Dalhousie College, Halifax.

Dr. Murray was born in 1862 in the town of Scotsburn, Nova Scotia, and was graduated at Dalhousie College in the class of '84. His teaching career began in the public schools of his province, and for a year he was principal of one of the larger county academies. After four years of teaching, which included two years as instructor of Mathematics at Dalhousie College. Dr. Murray took the post-graduate course at Johns Hopkins, where he obtained his degree of Ph. D. His next position was at New York University from whence he was called to Cornell where he wrote the most important of his earlier works, Introductory Course in Differential Equations. Shortly after that his Plane and Spherical Trigonometry appeared, which the educational public immediately recognized as the exemplar of modern ideas in teaching the subject. This book discovered one of the reasons for Dr. Murray's success as a teacher; his ablity to make the subject in hand interesting, and to inculcate a desire for further study and investigation.

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It is gratifying to note that Dr. Murray has returned to the work for which he is so well fitted by the announcement of his publishers, Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co., of the appearance of A First Course in Infinitesimal Calculus. Two features noted in the Trigonometry are found also in this new work: 1, an abundance of examples, supplemented at the end by a collection of questions and exercises for reference. 2, in connection with many of the topics, numerous definite references for collateral reading.



PROF. DANIEL A. MURRAY. Text Book Author.

#### VALUE OF TEACHERS' AGENCIES.

Do boards of education use teachers' agencies to any great extent in securing superintendents and teachers?

Doubtless there are still some boards that have a so-called "prejudice" against employing techers who would be obliged to pay 5 per cent. of their salary to an agency, but that the number of these is diminishing each year is proved by the work which agencies are doing.

This is especially true of the Albert Teachers' Agency of Chicago, which has now so large a permanent patronage among the best schools that the manager, with his force of assistants, has been compelled to work long hours to take care of the business that has come to him directly through employers.

Presidents of normal schools and colleges from all parts of the country, superintendents of schools and principals of secondary schools were more urgent in their demands during the past year than ever, and boards of education sent in their calls in increasing numbers.

It is no longer an uncommon thing for school committees to call at the office of this agency or write its manager for information and advice about candidates for places they have vacant from that of superintendent down to the lowest grades. Late in August, the committee on teachers in Muskegon, Mich., called on Mr. Albert to supply them with a superintendent, principal of their Manual Training High School and a number of teachers for their Manual Training School, for their High School and for the grades. They not only sought information but invited him to meet with the board and to advise with them as to the best selections to be made.

In Illinois, during the past year, this agency filled nearly all the important superintendencies that were vacant, including such places as Moline, Berwyn, Hinsdale, Mendota, Polo, Elmhurst, Henry, Arlington Heights, Hampshire, and numerous smaller principalships. In other states Mr. Albert also did a large business, direct with boards. The better class of schools are working more and more through agencies.

#### HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

Boston, Mass. By order of the committee on high schools the following proposed rules for conduct of school athletics are transmitted for comment and suggestion:

"1. The only authorized teams shall be baseball, football, basket-ball, crew.

"2. No pupil who falls below a general average of 70 per cent., nor one whose conduct is unsatisfactory to the headmaster, shall be permitted to be a member of any school team or

"3. No pupil shall be a member of more than one team and crew in the same school year.

"4. The head master of the school shall be the advisor and treasurer of all teams in his school. Some pupil shall be assistant treasurer and business manager.

"5. No debts must be contracted by any one other than the business manager, after consultation with the head master. No bills shall be paid until the bill has been approved on its face by the head master.

"6. As collections for the support of teams, etc., cannot be permitted each school may form an athletic association with dues amounting to not more than 50 cents a year, and each school may give one public entertainment each year, for which tickets may be sold in the school hall.

#### A NEW MANUAL TRAINING BENCH.

Chandler & Barber of Boston have just placed on the market a desk top and manual training bench, both designed for elementary work in the schools.

In a great many schools the question of cost

has prevented the introduction of manual training, and the new desk top, here illustrated, is especially designed to solve the problem. It is intended for whittling or elementary woodwork, and consists of a base or tray of such a bevel as to present a nearly horizontal surface. The sliding cover fits closely in a groove and has a hardwood strip on the upper face and running



across the front. The tools supplied are of a good quality and adapted for this class of work.

The new bench has been designed by Gustaf Larsson, principal of the Sloyd Training School, Boston, for elementary sloyd work. It is made for four pupils and is fitted with four vises.

This elementary work is adapted for children from eight to twelve years of age, and a special course of models has been designed by Professor Larsson especially adapted to their needs.

South Bethlehem, Pa. The school board ruled that teachers who contract debts and fail to make settlement before the expiration of the school term shall be considered unacceptable for re-appointment.

Marshall, Mo. The board has issued an order to the superintendent to enforce a rule against pupils using or carrying tobacco to and from school. The parents are asked to help in its enforcement.

Bay City, Mich. The board of education settled a long standing controversy by passing a resolution to follow the letter of the law, which forbids that members of the board become interested in any award of contracts by the board.

New York City. German script has been ruled out of use. English script will be used in writing German words.

#### ON THE BABY.

#### Coffee Even the Babies Thrive On.

The little daughter of a College President was saved by the use of Postum Food Coffee at a time when she could not take any solid food.

Baby's aunt says: "My sister and her husband (who is President of a College in Georgia) visited me last Christmas and their little baby two months old was very sick. I thought it was not properly nourished so I began feeding it on Postum which I have used in my own home for years with such grand results.

"You would be surprised to know how that little thing improved. Sister had been feeding it on artificial food that did not agree with it. The baby continued to get stronger all the time we were feeding her on Postum and when sister left here she took Postum with her for she feels certain that with Postum to feed the baby on she is sure of good healthy nourishing food drink." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Postum is made of the purest cereals with absolutely no medication whatever and when boiled according to directions it is heavy with food value and a great nourisher and rebuilder as well as a delicious drink. It is also a specific for all of the dozens of different diseases caused by coffee. Trial proves this.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."



Chicago, Ill. Among the firms furnishing school supplies to the public schools of the city are: American Lead Pencil Co., pencils; The Caxton Co., blackboard pointers; Chicago Laboratory Supply & Scale Co., laboratory supplies; Esterbrook Steel Pen Co., pens; Hunt Pen Co., pens; J. M. Olcott & Co., inks; Prang Educational Co., drawing supplies; Remington Typewriter Co., typewriter supplies; Thos. Charles Co., kindergarten supplies. The report of the Committee on School Management, that twenty-five Remington, twenty-seven Oliver, and sixteen Underwood typewriters be purchased for the commercial classes in the high schools, was adopted.

At the American Telegraphers' Tournament in Philadelphia, in the Ladies' Sending and Receiving Contest, the first prize was won by Miss Rose Feldman of New York, who received and transcribed twenty messages on the Smith-Premier typewriter in fourteen minutes. This prize was won in competition with the fastest receivers of the world. The messages were sent by a lady who is the world's champion sender.

The board of education, Charles City, Iowa, has secured a McIntosh Dissolving Stereopticon for the use of their public schools.

Terre Haute, Ind. The A. J. Nystrom Co. of Chicago have furnished the public schools with their celebrated W. & A. K. Johnson maps.

Long Island City, N. Y. The furniture for the high school was supplied by Louis Gluck and the American School Furniture Company for \$13.250.

The school boards of Sunset, Colo., and Lewiston, Mont., have recently supplied their schools with McIntosh projection apparatus.

Stephenson, Mich. The school board recently purchased a Tiffany Industrial Nature Cabinet for use in all the schools. The Cabinet consists of eighty-six of our common industries, illustrated by 800 real specimens and objects, indexed and mounted on heavy linen filled board. The printed matter describing the different subjects is brief and clear.

The Smith-Premier Typewriter Company's new building at Syracuse, N. Y., is rapidly nearing completion. The steam is now in the new boilers, and the entire building is perfectly heated, making it possible for the workmen to remain in the building; also to commence the moving of machinery, which is not safe to do with absence of heat. Some of the machinery in the tool making department has been transferred

to the third floor of the new building, and is in operation there.

The public schools of Chicago are becoming almost universally supplied with projection lanterns, the McIntosh Stereopticon Co. having furnished quite a number of the city schools recently.

Menominee, Mich. School supplies recently purchased are:

Thomas Charles Company, paints and brushes; Prang Educational Company, color crayons; American Book Company, books; Silver, Burdett & Company, readers.

New Haven, Conn.. A uniform white paper for school exhibits at the World's Fair will be furnished by Case, Lockwood & Brainard, Hartford; cabinet cases, by the New Jersey School & Church Furniture Company, Trenton, N. J.

Carson City, Mich. A Tiffany Industrial Nature Cabinet has been purchased. It consists of a set of charts with samples attached, to teach our great industries such as the iron industry, copper, coal, cotton, silk, rubber, etc.

Quincy, Ill. An agreement has been entered into with the American School Furniture Company for furnishing desks for the new Webster school.

The new Improved College Bench Lantern recently gotten out by the McIntosh Stereopticon Co. of Chicago, seems to be taking immensely among the leading schools. They report having supplied this new instrument to the following schools and colleges within the last month: University Medical College, Kansas City, Mo.; Independence School District, Burlington, Ia.; Cincinnati University, Cincinnati, O.; Howe School, Lima, Ind.; Larimore School, Evanston, Ill.; Indenpendent School District, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.; Dental High School, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Kansas City, Mo. The purchase for city schools recently made from Rand, McNally & Co. consists of 23 sets Physical Maps consisting of 1 North America, 1 Europe, 1 Asia, and 1 World; 9 sets of Columbia Political Maps; 5 sets Columbia Maps, Political, North America, Europe and World; 28 inch Globes No. 102; 5 Maps, 1 Ancient World, 1 Roman Empire, 1 Modern Europe, 1 Ancient Greece, 1 Ancient Rome, City. All maps in Individual Diamond Cases.

The State University of Iowa has purchased another McIntosh Imperial Lantern for their University Extension Department.

Santa Rosa, Cal. Twelve tubes of the Swan

Our Specialty Slate Blackboards

PLACED IN POSITION ON WALLS
OF SCHOOL BUILDING

We furnish the finest quality of Natural Slate in the world, sending an expert workman to any part of the country, guaranteeing perfect satisfaction. WRITE FOR PRICES BEFORE PLACING CONTRACT.

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Dayton, O. Physical apparatus has been purchased recently from the Chicago Laboratory Scale and Supply Co., also the bid of the A. H. Andrews Co. for furnishing sixteen folding setees was accepted.

Darby, Pa. The board purchased desks for the new school building from the American School Furniture Co.

The following boards of education have purchased No. 2 Smith-Premier typewriters for the use of their schools: Illinois: Joliet, Streator, La Salle, Elgin, Rushville; New York: Red Creek, Waverly, Syracuse, Warrensburg; Rhode Island: Providence; Massachusets: Falmouth, Attleboro; Pennsylvania: Patton, Altoona, Wilkesbarre, Wayne, Philadelphia; Maryland: Baltimore; Michigan: Port Huron; Delaware: Milford.

Borough of Queens, N. Y. The contract for placing furniture in the Long Island City high school was led to the American School Furniture Co.

Blooming Prairie, Minn. The board of education purchased physical apparatus from the L. E. Knott Apparatus Company of Boston.

Plans have been consummated for the removal to Owensboro, Ky., of the R. O. Evens Co. manufacturing plant of Green Bay, Wis. The concern will be capitalized with a capital stock of \$250,000. Something over \$75,000 worth of stock has been taken by forty of Owensboro's business men. The plant has been manufacturing school and church furniture for the last ten years in Green Bay. The plant will be located in the building of the Owensboro Chamber Suite Company at Seven Hills.

The firm of D. C. Heath & Co. has an office at Pittsburg, Pa., located at 705 Hamilton Building.

Greenville, Ky. Greenville public schools, Mrs. N. J. Welch, superintendent, purchased one Smith Premier typewriter.

Edwardsville, Ill. A new Toepler-Holtz electrical machine has been purchased for the high school.

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Portsmouth, N. H. A College Bench Lanrn has been purchased from the McIntosh tereopticon Co., of Chicago, Ill.

Orono, Me. The Monson, Maine Slate Company, Boston, Mass., have the contract for the blackboards for the new high school.

Muscatine, Ia.. The board has arranged for the purchase, on thirty days trial of two Prospectus disinfecting machines for the toilet

Utica, N. Y. A Remington Typewriter has been purchased by the Free Academy.

Gardiner, Me. Adjustable chairs and desks manufactured by Shoemaker & Co., of Philadelphia, have been installed in one of the rooms of the high school.

Worcester, Mass. Five additional Remington Typewriters have been purchased for use in the schools.

Pottstown, Pa. Desks have been ordered for the new high school from Thos. Kane & Company of Racine, Wis.

Butte, Mont. Two No. 6 and two No. 7 Remington Typewriters have been purchased by school district No. 1.

Fremont, O. The celebrated W. & A. K. Johnston maps manufactured by A. J. Nystrom A Co. have been furnished the city schools.

Knoxville, Tenn. Cardboard and colored paper for the manual training department has been received from the B. J. Johnson Publishing Co., of Richmond, Va.

New York. During the month of November the board of education purchased eight additional Remington Typewriters for use in the schools.

Ogden, Utah. The board ordered the purchase of books from Rand, McNally & Company of Chicago,

Syracuse, N. Y. The following are recent bidders on supplies for the city schools: furnishing the Department with individual bookkeeping desks, typewriter machines and desks and seated recitation benches with arms, Underwood Typewriter Company, Thomas P. Hughes, Oliver typewriters, E. G. Wynkoop, Remington typewriter. Randolph McNutt bookseeping desks, Paragon seats and table arms. furnishing blackboards for Lincoln and McKinley schools, Stearns & Company, Syracuse Mantel, Tile and Marble Company.

East Lyme, Conn. School supplies are furnished the pupils on the understanding that parents reimburse the board for materials supplied their children. It is an advantage to the parents to have the board purchase them for a larger discount is obtained by purchasing in quantities. As an inducement to pay up, delinquents are threatened with publication of their names in the school report at the end of the year.

Pekin, Ill. The A. H. Andrews Company's dictionaries and dictionary holders have been supplied the public schools.

Parsons, Pa. Liquid disinfectant for the public schools was ordered purchased from the West Disinfecting Company.

Earlville, Ill. The school board has recently purchased school supplies from E. W. A. Rowles, Chicago, Ill.

Brooklyn, N. Y. A scheme to remedy the poor system of distributing school supplies to the pupils is being devised by Auditor H. R. M. Cook of the board of education. In general he will require principals of schools to present their requisitions before a stipulated date, and deliveries will be made at specific times in various districts, but in such a way that the whole school system will be covered twice during each term. The plan becomes operative Jan. 1, 1904.

Omaha, Neb. The R. C. CRESSWELL Clerk School Board, Winslow board authorized the purchase of school

desks of varying sizes from the Superior Manufacturing Company of Muskegon, Mich.

Pekin, Ill. The principal of each school is required to keep a record of the school books belonging to the board.

Grand Rapids, Mich. The board of education at a recent meeting decided to purchase apparatus for the testing of pupils' eyes.

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Creston, Ill. The county superintendent of Ogle County asks all school boards in that county to assist in making possible a county uniformity of text-books and gives a list of books he would have adopted. They are: Baldwin's Readers, first to eighth grades inclusive; Hall's Arithmetic Primer and Werner (three book series). Arithmetic: (American Book Co.), Fryes Geographies; Montgomery's His-(American Book tories; Blaisdell's Physiology; Medial or Vertical Round Hand copy boks; (Ginn & Co.). Our State and Nation; Elementary Civil Government; (Welch & Co.). Reed's Language and Grammar; Reed's Word Lessons; (Maynard, Merrill & Co.).

Boston, Mass. The following books have been recommended for reference books in the High and Latin schools: Manual of Experimental Physics, Ginn & Co.; Qualitative Chemical Analysis, D. Van Nostrand Company; Essentials of Chemistry, Benjamin H. Sanborn & Company; An Elementary Book on Electricity and Magnetism, The Scientific Foundations of Analytical Chemistry, Chemical Lecture Experiments, Volcanoes of North America, Rivers of North America, The Macmillan Company; Chemical Lecture Experiments, Longmans, Green & Company; Aspects of the Earth, The Realm of Nature, Chas. Scribner's Sons; Daniel Webster for Young Americans, Little, Brown & Company.

Recommended for supplementary use in the Grammar schools: The Spanish in the Southwest, A Boy on a Farm, Homeric Stories, American Book Company; Daniel Webster for Young Americans, Little, Brown & Company; The Teaching of Elementary Mathematics, The Macmillan Company; Corn Plants, Houghton, Mifflin & Company; First Lessons of Geology, D. C. Heath & Company; Insect Life, D. Appleton & Company.

Recommended for supplementary use in the Primary grades: Reynard the Fox, American Book Company: Comprehensive Method of Teaching Reading, Gordon's Phonic Charts Nos. 1, 2 and 3, D. C. Heath & Company.

Georgia. The state school book commission, whose duty it will be to select uniform textbooks for the public schools of Georgia and which will be in force for five years, consists of Governor Terrell, Comptroller General Wright, Secretary of State Phil Cook, Attorney

General Hart and State Treasurer Park.
Butte, Mont. Rand & McNally's "Lights of Literature" has been recommended for adop-

Stafford, Conn. At a recent election it was voted to furnish free text-books to all pupils

of the public schools.

Shelbyville, Ind. The township district school pupils will study Civil Government from a text-book compiled by a local writer, D. W. Sanders, of Covington, Ind., entitled "A Manual of Township and County Government for Indiana." It is the story of the government of the township, county and state, giving the duties of every officer in plain schoolroom English, the method of transacting business with officials, how complaints are presented in the courts, manner of presenting petitions to the county commissioner, etc. The machinery of politics is also explained.

There is one school district in North Carolina where the Webster old blue back spelling book is now being used as one of the text-books.

Augusta, Ga. The board of education re-

cently decided that agriculture should be taught in the rural schools. Only the rudiments will taught, the text-book being Hunnicut's "Agriculture in the Common Schools."

The city school superintendents in convention at Indianapolis, Ind., recently passed resolutions favoring such modifica-

tions in the text-book law as will assure the for use in the public schools, and Martin's Elegreatest freedom in selecting and adopting text-

Bridgeport, Conn. The law provides that in any city in the state where text-books are not free 25 voters can ask to have the question voted upon at the next election.

Westbrook, Me. Williams' and Rogers' series of "Descriptive Economics" have been recommended to be purchased for high school use.

Tuscola, Ill. The school directors of Douglas County in convention ratified the list of books selected by the committee appointed by the county superintendent last August. The books are: White's Arithmetics, Natural Spellers, Harper's Geographies, Montgomery's Histories, Mother Tongue Language Books, Cyr's Readers, Martin's Physiologies and Jones & Sanford's Civics.

Sacramento, Cal. The State Text-Book Committee, at its meeting in this city approved the authorization given to State Printer Shannon to print 20,000 revised grammars, 10,000 advanced geographies, 20,000 spellers, 20,000 new grammar school histories, 12,000 third readers 8,000

fourth readers.

South Norwalk, Conn. Aldrich and Foster's French Reader, Harvey's Supplementary Exercises to Thomas's German Grammar and Dredson's German Composition, have been recommended for adop-

Quincy, Ill. following is a list of books to be purchased: Lippincott's Gazetter of the World, Mill's International Geography, Side Lights on American History, Vol. II, Illi-nois School Laws, School Gymnastics, Our Own Country, Our American Neighbors, The South American Republic, Life in Asia, Modern Europe, Views of Africa, Werner's Views of Arithmetic, Book III, Great American Industries, Rational First Reader, Rational Primers, and Lippincott's Biographical Dictionary.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The textbook committee approved Conn's Elementary Physiology

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Owatonna, Minn. The purchase of the Lewis Educational readers has been authorized.

Naugatuck, Conn. Carpenter's Geographical Reader and Rice's National Speller and the Educational Phonic Reader adopted for trial.

Rome, N. Y. Superintendent Crane has been authorized to change penmanship from vertical to a slight slant.

Alton, Ill. "Ward's Primer" for use in the primary grades.

Newport, R. I. The school board adopted Brigham's Geology.

Boston, Mass. Authorized as text-books in the high and Latin schools: "Milton's Paradise Lost," "Milton's Comus and other Poems" and Tennyson's "Idylls of the King," published by the Macmillan Co.

Ware, Mass. Tarr & McMurry's series of geographies adopted in grades four to eight in-

On the 4th day of August, 1903, the State Text-Book Commission of the State of Texas, appointed especially to consider and adopt books for the public schools of that State, unanimously adopted

Maury's Elementary Geography, Maury's Manual of Geography, Maury's Physical Geography.

Cities of more than 10,000 population are exempt from the provisions of the law and select books for themselves. The following cities of Texas adopted Maury's Geographies:

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Boston, Mass. Miss Florence Holbrook spoke at the Middlesex County Teachers' convention in Boston, last mouth. So many teachers in the county have used her Hiawatha Primer and Bock of Nature Myths that a large gathering greeted her. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., the publishers of her book, had an exhibit at the meeting, and purchased all available advertising space on the program.

Lincoln, Ill. Carhart & Chute's Physics adopted for the High school.

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Parker, S. D. The Augsburg drawing system introduced in the schools.

Millstadt, Ill. Overton's Physiologies have been adopted.

The Michigan State Normal School, of which Professor Lewis H. Jones is the president, has purchased twenty-four copies of Webster's International Dictionary.

#### THE GEORGIA STATE ADOPTIONS.

The state text-book commission of Georgia has adopted the following text books for a period of five years:

American Book Co.: Field's History of the United States, Lee's Series of Readers, Milne's Standard Arithmetic, Peterman's Civil Government, Swinton's Word Book.

Central School Supply Co.: Roudebush Copy Rooks

Ginn & Co.: Bacon's Intermediate Arithmetic, Wentworth's Practical Arithmetic, Frye's Elementary Geography, Frye's Higher Geography.

D. C. Heath & Co.: Hyde's Course in English, Book I.

B. F. Johnson & Co.: Branson's Speller, Book I.

Maynard, Merrill & Co.: Series of Graded Literature, Reed & Kellog's Graded Lessons in English, Hutcheson's Lessons in Physiology.

Newson & Co.: Buehler's Modern Grammar. Silver, Burdett & Co.: Conn's Elementary Physiology.

Southern Publishing Co.: Beginner's History of Our Country.

University Publishing Co.: Hunnicutt's Agriculture.

Wheeler Publishing Co.: Wheeler's Primer.

#### AMERICAN PRIM-ER IN RUSSIA.

A book published by the Christopher Sower Co. of Philadelphia has attracted marked attention at the Children's World International Exposition which was recently opened with great ceremony in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The book is a child's primer, a language

book for young beginners, combining lessons for reading and writing, pictures for talks and verses to learn. It was prepared by Anne Heygate-Hall, principal of the Phliadelphia School of Practice, and Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, professor of pedagogy in the University of Pennsylvania. Simplicity is the little book's cardinal merit.

In presenting the primer to Dowager Empress Marie, at whose suggestion and under whose auspices the exposition is being held, the authors desired to show to the foreign educators the subject matter of an American child's early school training. The illustrations of the book, its gradation, its use of script and print and its vocabulary are intended to prepare the pupil for the more complex and difficult lessons that follow.

The presentation of the primer was one of the pleasing incidents of the opening of the exposition. The book was presented on a silver tray, bordered by small Russian and American flags intertwined and bearing masses of the Empress' favorite flowers.

Chief among the varied attractions of the little book are the illustrations with which it is replete. These were made by Miss Maria L. Kirk, formerly of the Philadelphia School of Design and a specialist in drawings for child study. The pictures, many of which are colored, contain no detail that is not of pedagogic value and are calculated to instill patriotism and develop character in the child reader.

The Empress Dowager, who is known and loved as a husympathetic mane. woman, suggested the exposition as a means inculcating more of humanism in the school systems of the Old World. Her ambition is to develop individualism. even though it be at the expense of system, which hitherto in Russia has been everything

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Mr. A. Parker, the well known school furniture dealer of Lawrence, Kans., reports the close of the most successful year. He was recently awarded a large contract for double trunion desks at Memphis, Tenn.

Messrs. Chapman Bros. & Co., Seattle, Wash., have removed to the Rust & Graff building, where they will occupy the entire fourth floor. The firm carries the largest and most complete stock of school furniture and supplies on the Pacific coast.

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Aberdeen, Miss. 720 double desks have been purchased by the county from the A. H. Andrews Co., Chicago.

Manual training supplies, especially adapted for the purposes designed, may be obtained from E. H. Sheldon & Company, of Evansville, Ill.

Oswego, N. Y. The State Normal School has purchased three Smith-Premier Typewriters.









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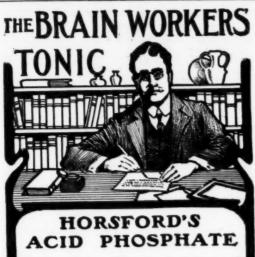
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"Who's that?"

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Parts of Speech.

Teacher-Thomas, what are the parts of speech?

Tommy Tucker (after an exhaustive mental effort)-It's the way a man talks when he stutters.

Sohn: "Papa, mas ift benn bas - Ronfequeng?"

Bater : "Benn bie Ma-ma beharrlich etwas burch-feben will, fo ift bas Ron-fequeng; bei mir ift es Did-

Professor: "Leiber muß ich Inen eröffnen, baß Ihr Sohn immer etwas geistig gurudbleiben wirb."

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"Dr. Doane," he said at the end of the service, "I enjoyed your sermon this morning. I welcomed it like an old friend. I have, you know, a book at home containing every word of it.'

"You have not," said Dr. Doane.
"I have so," said the humorist.

"Well, send that book to me. I'd like to see

"I'll send it," Twain replied.

And he sent the next morning Webster's International dictionary to the rector.

A Kansas truant officer went on the rampage recently because a girl stayed away from school and sent no excuse to him for her absence. He went to her father and demanded an explanation. He got it. Papa said his daughter had been married and moved out of town.

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"Well, Tommy?

"Cos there was no post offis!"

"Elanathau," asked the teacher of a boy at school, "if your father borrowed from you one hundred dollars and should agree to pay you at the rate of ten dollars per week, how much would be owe you at the end of seven weeks?"
"One hundred dollars," said the boy. "I'm
afraid you don't know your arithmetic," said
the teacher. "Well," said the boy, "I may not know my arithmetic, but I know my father.'

A teacher wishing to emphasize the importance of the ocean cable in binding together the nations of the earth, inquired of her class:

"What one thing unites more people than anything else in the world?"

The unhesitating reply of a pupil was, "getting married."

#### Worth Trying.

"Our superintendent," said the good school director, "is too solemn. I like a bright, cheerful superintendent."

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"How?" asked the good school director.

"Give him an increase of salary," replied the member.

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Caller-But this is for a jury at the poodle

Junior School Director-Oh, ah! Of course. That's another matter! I'll serve with pleasure.

"I have to help Johnny with his mental arithmetic every evening," said the young woman. "and it is a nuisance."

"Do you-er-know that celebrated problem about one plus one equals one?" asked the young

"I said mental arithmetic, not sentimental," said the young woman, with great dignity.

#### News to Him.

"Why are professors always so absent-minded?" she asked.

"I don't know," replied the dean of the faculty, as he wiped his brow with a bunch of keys and tried to unlock the desk with his handkerchief; "in fact, I never knew that they were."



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Teacher-Oh, not at all-my age is just twenty-two.

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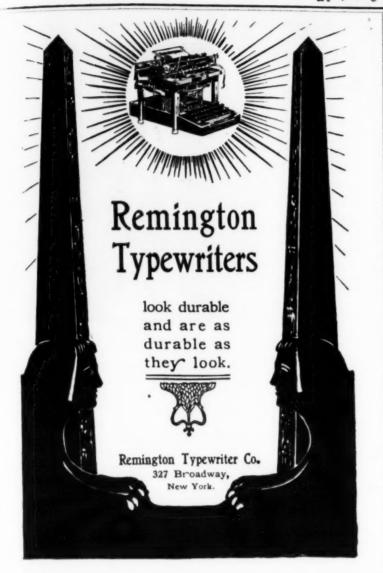
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Supervision, is essential to make uniform the work of the individual teachers and secure adherence to progressive and effective methods. It is but repeating the views of the foremost writers upon the science of education, to say that as the supervision is so is the instruction and the character of the instruction determines the value of the school to the public. The vitality of a school system inheres in its supervision and rightly exercised places all schools on a common basis of progress and usefulness.

The effectiveness of supervision is commensurate with the qualifications of the supervisor. He is the director, the leader in the system or school under his charge; he is the organizer and the fountain from which should emanate the educational and professional spirit that should animate the teaching force. He is the confidential advisor of the board; the executive of the entire school system. He should, therefore, possess special qualifications among which are broad scholarly and professional attainments, sceneral culture, and the elements of leadership. The selection of supervising officers constitutes the gravest responsibility that rests upon the board.

The aim of the school is to develop the pupil in all his faculties, intellectual, moral and physical, disciplining his powers and forming his habits, preparatory to meeting the duties of citizenship. Efficient supervision will shape the work and the influence of the schools to accomplish this end.

A competent teaching force may be crippled by the arbitrary efforts of faulty supervision. If supervision is largely limited to a system of examinations and a school is to stand or fall upon the results of written tests of the superin-

tendent, the class-room work will, in self defence, become a constant grind of cramming the facts of textbooks into the minds of pupils. This is not an educational process. but a means of converting teachers and pupils into automatons, and its enforcement upon teachers is a mischievous act of misapplied energy. It effectually bars teachers making the material of the course of study administer to the proper discipline and development of the pupil. The best work of the teacher should result in the natural development, normal growth and for mation of character of pupils. This education does not admit of expression in averages and percentages.

Competent supervision takes more into the class room than test questions and carries away more than written answers; it bears to the pupils a message of cheer, to the teachers encouragement and inspiration, and carries away the ma-

terial upon which to build and from which proceeds those plans and processes that shall secure the progress and well being of the schools.

The price paid for supervision evidences the general belief as to its great importance as an uplifting agency. It costs approximately \$80,000 annually to supervise the work of our teachers in the class room. The public is justified in expecting that the board of education will adhere to the principle of superior merit in the choice of superintendents and supervising principals.

It is but justice to the children attending the public schools of any city that the best instruction attainable be provided. This implies that the board must select the supervisory heads because of their special qualifications irrespective of the locality where they chance to reside. thereby recognizing the principle that men not localities do the work. The abandonment of the delusive doctrine of promoting the next in line is imperative. The principle involved "in length of service" should be cautiously applied lest great and lasting mischief result. The public schools are entitled to the best supervision. A limitation of choice of teachers, or supervisors, to any particular area is fraught with danger to the well being of our school system.

St. Paul, Minn. The school board has adopted a new rule with reference to absence of teachers; hereafter, half-pay is all that any school teacher will receive when absent and that will not be allowed for more than twenty days.

Trenton, N. J. The board of education is assisting the factory department in full enforcement of the law regarding fire escapes on school buildings throughout the state.

buildings throughout the state.

Colorado Springs, Colo. The high school students will be compelled to take physical culture instruction one or two periods a week.

Crookston, Minn. The school board has passed a resolution that all bills must be presented one day before the meeting of the board and that all bills must be presented to the members ordering the goods or service charged for in the bill.

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#### The New Remedy for Catarrh is Very Valuable.

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"I have since met many public speakers and professional singers who used them constantly. A prominent Detroit lawyer told me that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets kept his throat in fine shape during the most trying weather, and that he had long since discarded the use of cheap lozenges and troches on the advice of his physician that they contained so much tolu, potash and opium as to render their use a danger to health."

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#### EMPLOYMENT AND DISMISSAL OF TEACHERS.

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With a rough uncouth teacher, harsh of speech and cold and forbidding in manner and tone of voice, little could be promised the pupil in the way of refinement, culture, or personal address, and this important field of education would be overlooked; but with a teacher possessing all these essential qualities the battle is half won and the child will, by personal contact, acquire a valuable adjunct to its early

The world generally, wants to be refined, and cultured, and the harsh rough, uncouth man or woman is generally so for the lack of training ir early life.

School boards should see to it that these advantages are not denied the schools over which they place teachers in charge.

The Duty of Superintendents.

In many of the essential qualifications of the teacher the city, or town school superintendent. is quite as good a judge as members of the school board, and his opinion should not be avoided, but sought and considered well.

School superintendents of city and town, as a rule, have the interests of their schools at heart, and can be trusted largely in the selection of teachers, and as they must come in contact with the teachers twice as often as the school board, it would be unwise to place teachers in the schools whose employment is looked upon with disfavor by the school superintendent. among teachers is to be avoided and friction between teacher and superintendent is to be deplored. The school board while inquiring into the merits of applicants who wish to teach should not only learn about the teacher's ability to impart instruction, but should also learn if the teacher has been received well by pupils and associate teachers, as well as the superintendent.

A Teacher's Past Record. Careful inquiry often developes the fact that a teacher otherwise well spoken of has had an unfortunate episode in past experience, or has been involved in serious misunderstandings, which have greatly marred the teacher's success. Should the school board carelessly consider the applicant's grades, without more careful investigation, a poor selection might be made, which would materially interfere with the success of a school for a whole year.

School boards should know that normal schools give advantages to teachers, to acquire efficiency in their work, they might not get in half a lifetime of practice, and school boards should be in touch with such institutions. No

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spend the first half of the school year in learning, from the superintendent, how to conduct a school. The time is almost here when school boards all over the state will deem it a condition precedent that teachers must have normal training before beginning to teach.

#### To be Employed Early.

Teachers should be employed early. Very soon after the school year has ended, if not before, they should be employed for the coming school year. There are many reasons for this. The best teachers will soon be taken. Early employment gives the teachers a chance to spend the summer in training or enables them to have a long vacation without anxiety as to the coming year. It is a relief to the school board for it may be depended on that applications will continue to come in till the selections

#### Dismissal of Teachers.

If the employment of teachers is one of the most important of the duties of school boards, the dismissal of teachers is one of the most delicate. The delicacy of it however should not prevent the doing of it in the proper case. Delicate duties should be performed in a delicate way. When the school superintendent has discovered that he cannot conscientiously recommend the re-election of a teacher in the schools, fairness requires that he should advise the teacher of this fact in time to afford opportunity to secure other employment. It may occur that the school board first discovers that the teacher will not be re-employed, and in this event, the school board should make it known to the teacher without waiting till it is too late for the teacher to get other employment and

equally so to older ones, to be discharged or even to be notified that they cannot expect re-employment.

As to the discharge or dismissal of teachers pending the contract of the school year, it would be a waste of time to advise a school board to proceed cautiously. This they know already.

Cause for Dismissal. In such matter the school board should be sure it is right. There must be cause for the

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discharge. The contract of employment must have been broken or other good cause given. The unwarranted discharge of a teacher may result in litigation. But notwithstanding this. in a case where the board is justified there should be no hesitation.

A bad teacher is a positive harm to the schools and in a proper case should be dismissed during the school year rather than the end. If there is a probability of the teacher improving, opportunity should be given, but the welfare of the schools must be ever kept in mind, and no whims of the school board or of the patron should be considered, or allowed to

Again it would be well to consult the superintendent. He should and doubtless would have, practical ideas as to what the teacher has failed to accomplish, and a measure of his capabili ties. If his judgment, and that of the board, concur in this, that the teacher is no longer useful, or, perhaps a positive evil in the schools. it may well be assumed that there is just cause for removal. If the teacher is accomplishing nothing for good, it may be safely said that harm comes from continuing such an one in the schools.

In all cases common sense should not be out of the consideration, and the board that is guided by it, and a sincere desire for the welfare of the schools will rarely fail to meet the exigencies of a given case. The greatest danger in the dismissal of teachers is that of hesitation and delay. In such a matter a board should act promptly.

#### Public Duty Not Charity.

One thing perhaps the most important of all to be remembered in the employment and dis-

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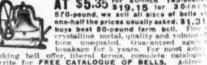


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charge of teachers is that the schools are not to be in any sense treated as eleemosynary institutions. No thought of employing teachers because they need the pay should be indulged a moment. Employing teachers because bey are not physically able to make a living other way is not to be thought of.

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must be cause for the manent detriment to their usefulness.

#### Duty to the Public.

In all their duties school boards should remember that their duties are owing to the schools and to the general public and not to the indi-This plain vidual. truth should be kept constantly in view and all individual interest not subservient to the general good should be left entirely out of the consideration. In this way and in no other can the high degree of efficiency in the schools be maintained and perpetuated.

#### SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENTS.

The Pendant Globe manufactured by L P. Denoyer of Appleton, Wis., will be exhibited in the Department of Education. St. Louis World's Fair.

Washington, D. C. The Jefferson school has been provided with two Kirker-Bender fire escapes, manufactured by the Dow Wire Works Company.

Dustless brushes for floor sweeping have been purchased from the Milwaukee Dustless Brush Company by the following cities: Boise, Idaho;

East Chicago, Ind.; Grundy Center. Ind.; Whiting, Ind.; Frederick City, Md.; Monroe, Mich.

Benches, vices, lathes, etc., for manual training schools manufactured by E. H. Sheldon & Company, Evanston, Ill.

Los Angeles, Cal. The board has awarded a contract for 47,000 square feet of hyloplate black boarding to C. F. Weber & Co., San Fran-

Everett, Mass. The school committee has bought three Smith-Premier Typewriters.

Niagara Falls, N. Y. The school authorities state that the book covers made by the Holden Patent Book Cover Company have been used by the schools for five or six years past and have always been found even better than represented. From observation and comparison they have done better service than several other makes that have been tried.

N. O. Nelson Mfg. Co., St. Louis, Mo., have recently secured contracts from the Normal at Weatherford, O. T., 3rd District School Board of Boulder, Colo., and Marengo, Iowa, for their Septic Tank Sewage Disposal Systems. This system does away, entirely, with the necessity for the use of public toilet rooms, even where there is no public sewer and every school board having school buildings, or proposed school buildings, located away from public sewers, should correspond with this firm regarding this new system, which has been adopted by

the U.S. Government for their army post and also by several large institutions, as well as the public schools noted above. This matter should be taken up at once, as the warm weather of the approaching Spring and Summer will soon be on us, and the nuisance created by the old fashioned sanitary arrangements should not be tolerated, now that there is a reliable guaranteed method of sewage disposal or purification, which can be used in their stead.

Springfield, Ill. The board has purchased a supply of desks from Thomas Kane & Company Works, Racine, Wis.

Leominster, Mass. One No. 7 Remington Typewriter has been purchased by the board.

Bellows Falls, Vt. Another Remington Typewriter has been added to the school equipment.

The Eureka Manufacturing Co., of Warren, O., has brought out a so-called New University Chair, which is adapted for high schools and colleges. The new piece of furniture embodies the latest and best improvements on a recitation and lecture room chair in that it is most utilitarian and durable. It bears an arm rest sufficiently wide to permit the convenient use of a note book. It rests upon a single standard or leg affording the effectual sweeping of the floor and the free movement of student.

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ALABAMA.

Woodlawn—\$15,000 of bonds voted for new school.

Union Springs—Plans for 2-story, \$25,000 school being prepared by Architect Benj. B. Smith, Montgomery.

CALIFORNIA.

Fruitvale—School to be erected. Monrovia—School to be built. Sacramento—Plans approved for annex to San Diego State Normal school. Cost \$50,000. Los Angeles—Polytechnic school to be erected. San Francisco-Architect W. J. Cuthbertson submitted plans for school at 24th and Douglas Sts. San Jose-Plans approved for State Normal.

COLORADO.

Denver-\$100,000 high school to be erected.
room addition to be made to North Side school. or 14-room addition to be made to West Side school. Address Henry Koepcke, Secy.

CONNECTICUT.

Stratford—Four room, \$6,200 school to be erected.

B. Cogswell, chairman. Waterbury—\$60,000 school W. B. Cogswell, chairman. asked for. J. J. Fitzgerald, clerk. Lisbon-Plans pre-pared for new school.

GEORGIA.

GEORGIA,
Atlanta—Permits for \$14,000 and \$21,000 schools have been issued. Rabungap—Two-story addition to high school. A. J. Ritchie, chairman. McRae—Architects Alexander, Bialr & Kern, Macon, Ga., prepared plans for 2-story science hall for South Georgia College. Athens-\$40,000 science hall for University of Georgia to be rebuilt.

FLORIDA.

Crescent City—Site selected for new school. ILLINOIS.

Ottawa—Proposition carried to bond city for \$45,000 or school. Bilson—School to be erected. Bioomingfor school. Bilson—School to be erected. Biooming-ton—High school to be erected. Pekin—\$20,000 school to be erected. Jonesboro—Two-story school to be erected. John E. Lingle, secretary. Danville—Four-room school to be erected. Liese & Ludwick, architects. Evanston—Murphy & Camp, architects, pianned St. Mary's Parochial school. Cost \$60,000. Peru—Central school to be built at cost of \$65,000. Champaign—Architects McKim, Mead & White, New York City, will prepare plans for \$70,000 Woman's building at University of Illinois to be erected next Spring. Blandinsville—\$20,000 in bonds voted for school. Waynes-ville—\$10,000 of bonds voted for school. Chicago—Morgan Park high school to be erected at a cost of \$31,000. Three-story \$70,000 school to be erected at Fulton avenue and 106th street. Jefferson—High school to be erected at a cost of \$250,000. Addition to John Marshall school, \$50,000. Addition to D. R. Cameron school, \$40,000. Bowmanville—School to be rebuilt. Cost \$90,000. Parochial school at Magnolia avenue and Catalpa street. Centralia—High school to ton-High school to be erected. Pekin-\$20,000 school avenue and Catalpa street. Centralia—High school to be erected. Winnetka—\$25,000 2-story school accord-ing to plans of Architect W. A. Otls. Waynesville ing to plans of Architect W. A. Otls. Waynesville— \$10,000 high school to be erected. Etherly—New school to be built. Ridgefarm—School to be erected. INDIANA.

Colburn—School under construction. Washington— Training school for State Normal school to be erected

next year. Plans wanted Estimated cost \$50,000 Terre Haute-Eight-room school according to plans of Architect W. H. Floyd. Address superintendent. High schools to be erected at Greenfield, Cambridge City, Muncle, Andrews and Lima. Bristol -School to be erected. Franklin-Plans of Architects Harris & Shopbell, Evansville, have been accepted for two new schools. Westfield—College for teachers to be established. Address Wal ter Jessup, superintendent. Terre Haute-Plans by Architects J. F. Alexander & Sons, Lafayette, Normal Trained. Cost \$60,000 Training INDIAN TERRITORY.

Waupanucka — Two schools Wilburton-School to be

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Ocheyedan—School to e erected. Wapello— Wapello-School to be built. Ames —\$322,000 school for State Agricultural col-lege. Proudfoot & Bird, architects, Des Moines. Le Mars—Architects Atchinson

& Edbrooke will prepare plans for high school. Cost \$35,000. Jewell—Plans will be drawn immediately for Lutheran school. Buxton-School to be erected.

KANSAS.

Topeka—Manual Training school to be erected. Leavenworth—\$80,000 high school to be built. Salina —Architect H. M. Hadley, Topeka, has plans for 6-room school to cost \$12,500. Valley City—School to be erected.

KENTUCKY.

Carlisle-School under construction. Columbus-Wilson school to be erected. Bowling Green—Three-story building for Southern Normal school. Address II. H. Cherry, president. Paintsville—School for Sandy Valley Seminary. J. R. Gieske, architect, Ceredo, W. Va. Louisville—Plans wanted for Carnegie Library. \$250,000

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Salisbury—High school to be erected. Baltimore— \$15,000 addition to Fairview Avenue school. MASSACHUSETTS. Newburyport—Plans being drawn by Architect J. E. alley for school. West Warren—Parochial school to Balley for school. West Warren—Parochial school to be erected. East Kingston—Brown Academy under construction. Gilbertville—School under construction.

Marblehead—Architects Kilham & Hopkins, Boston, furnished plans for \$40,000 school. East Northfield—\$4,500 school to be erected. Fall River—Several schools to be erected. Springfield—Mechanics' Art high school to cost \$125,000. Plans wanted. Allston—Three-

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Stickney & Austin. North Wilmington—Four room school according to plans of Architect R. A. Cook. Lexington—Architect Willard D. Allen prepared plans for \$27,000 school. MICHIGAN.

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West Side. Hillsdale—High school to be erected.
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MINNESOTA

Pine Island-School to be built. Brainerd School under construction. Houston—\$20,000 school under construction. Fergus Falls—High school to be crected. Sedan—School to be crected. St. Paul—Architect Clarence II. Johnston will prepare plans for \$60,000 labora tory for State University. Grass Lake—School to be erected.

MISSOURI.

Warrensburg—State Normal to be erected. \$50,000.
Novinger—School to be erected. Fulton—\$30,000 college to be built. Kansas City—High school to be erected. St. Louis—\$30,000 appropriated for new Nor-

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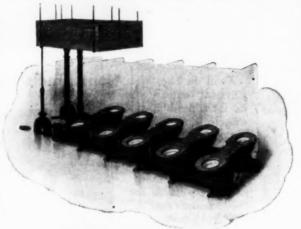
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NEW MEXICO.

Las Cruces—High school to be erected. Tucumcari School under construction, NEW YORK.

Gibson—School to be erected. Long Island City—Addition to school. C. B. J. Snyder, architect. New York City—\$110,000 school at Union and Beach avenues C. B. J. Snyder, architect. Truant school to cost \$150,000. Architect Geo. B. Post has prepared plans for college buildings at 138th and 140th streets

and Amsterdam avenue. Cost \$2,500,000. Caledonia S22,000 appropriated for high school. Binghamton High school to be erected. Watertown—\$35,000 school to be built. Canandaigua—Plans prepared for school to be built. Canandaigua—Plans prepared for \$70,000 high school. Rochester—\$60,000 school on theory street. Great Neck, L. I.—Plans prepared for 2 story, \$12,000 school. Lancaster—Plans being prepared for St. Mary's Parochial school. Tarrytown—Architects Wheelwright & Haven, Boston, have prepared plans for 2-story science hall for Hackley school. Cost \$60,000. Aurora—Plans ordered for Wells College. Address N. Lansing Zabriskie. Brooklyn—\$70,000 school at W. 17th street and Neptune avenue. C. B. J. Snyder, architect. Schenectady—Ward school to be erected. S. B. Hanse, cierk. Buffalo—Public schools Nos. 63 and 80 clerk. Buffalo-Public schools Nos. 63 and 80

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OHIO.

Lorain-Architect H. O. Wurmser is preparing plans for three 2-story school buildings. Cost \$60,000. Bell-aire—Plans of Architects W. B. O'Nelll Co., Marietta accepted for \$25,000 school. Ashtabula -- \$30,000 school erected according to plans of Architects Thayer lson. Crooksylle—High school and public school & Wilson. & Wilson. Crooksville—High school and public school to be erected according to plans of Architect F. L. Packard, Columbus. Napoleon—Architect H. W. Wachter, Toledo, will prepare plans for school. Barberton—Plans by Architect A. Hess for 3-story, \$40,000 high school. East Liverpool—Plans by Architects C. C. & A. L. Thayer, New Castle, Pa., accepted for 2-story school. North Bend—High school to be erected. Lima—\$75,000 school under construction. Navarort—\$25,000 school according to plans of tion. Newport—\$35,000 school according to plans of Bausmith & Weber, architects. Cleveland—Addition to be made to Central High school. Parochial school to be erected for St. Agnes church. Columbus—High school to be erected on West Side. Camden—Voted to build school. Estimated cost \$15,000.

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Lawton—\$25,000 appropriated to build new school, Lexington—Central school to be erected. Edmond—School to be erected. Cushing—\$5,000 school to be

Portland-School to b erected. Prineville-High school to be erected ac cording to plans of Ar-chitect John B. Shipp. Oak Grove-Two-room school to be erected according to plan of Archi-tects White Bros., Oregon City.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Frazer Academy under construction. West Bethlehem—School to be erected. Camden—Bond Issue of \$80,000 made two new schools Rices Landing—School to be erected. Scranton be erected. Scranton— \$100,000 school to be McKeesport-Plans will be drawn \$200,000 school. Ridg-way—Architect J. P. Brenot, Oil City, has plans for parochial SCHOOL HOUSE PLANS. Send for Designs,
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Warwick—\$50,000 high school to be erected. Address Chas. R. Brayton, Providence. Darlington—School to be erected. Newport—High school to be erected. Saunderstown—Plans approved for new school. Providence school according to plans of Architects Murphy & Hindle.

SOUTH CAROLINA..
Columbia—Graded school under consideration. Bamberg—\$10,000 school to be built. Laurens—School to be erected. Cost \$10,000

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Centerville—School to be erected.

TENNESSEE.

Knoxville—\$50,000 building for University of Tennessee. Memphis—Industrial and training school to be built. Chattanooga—Normal University will build

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Wylle—Plans being prepared for \$13,000 school. V.
B. Gallagher, secretary. Liberty Hill—College to be rebuilt. Lott—\$12,000 school to be erected. Austin—\$65,000 engineering building for State University. Houston—Rice Educational Institute to be erected at a cost of \$4,000,000. Address Baker, Botts, Baker & Lovett. Whitney—School to be erected according to plans of Glenn Allen, architect, Waco. Stratford—Plans selected for new school. Arthur Life, secretary. Plans selected for new school. Arthur Lile, secretary. UTAH.

Milford-\$5,000 school to be erected. Heber-\$20,000 school under construction

VERMONT.

Planfield—\$4,000 school to be built. Fletcher—New hool. Montpeller—Two-story, 4-room school to be

VIRGINIA.

Richmond-Plans wanted for new school, C. P. Walford, clerk.

WASHINGTON.

Orient—School under construction. Sandpoint—C. Ferris White, architect, has prepared plans for \$10,000 school. Aberdeen—Four-room school to be built. Cos \$5,000. Kirkland—School to be erected. James Bell secretary. Seattle-Eight-room school at Beacon Hill. Four-room addition to Columbia school, WEST VIRGINIA.

Wheeling—High school to be erected. Grafton—Architects Holmboe & Lafferty, Clarksburg, prepared plans for two ward schools. Eight rooms each. Fairmont-Plans wanted for \$20,000 school. T. W. Boydston, secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Ashland—\$29,000 voted for high school. Waldo— Voted \$10,000 for school. Stevens Point—Two-story, 8 room school according to plans of Van Ryn & De Gelleke, Milwaukee. Janesville—State Normal to be creeted. Greenfield—\$14,000 school to be built. Reedserected. Greenfield—\$14,000 school to be built. Reedsburg—High school under construction. Eau Claire—\$25,000 school to be erected. Chandler & Park, architects, Racine. Evansville—School is under construction. Campbelisport—School to be built. Superior—Blaine annex and Itasca schools to be erected. Cost \$5,000 and \$3,000 respectively. Milwaukee—High school to be erected. 14th district school to be built. La Crosse—High school to be erected.

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Hoboken, N. J. The training school for teachers is being opposed by Mayor Lankering as a needless expense, as certificates issued to teachers are not accepted outside of the county, and there are now one hundred who cannot be given positions. The school will be discontinued.

Downey, Ia. The school board at a recent meeting made provision for carrying on the regular work in physical culture.

Nantucket, Mass. Manual training facilities are to be extended and a teacher in basket making provided.

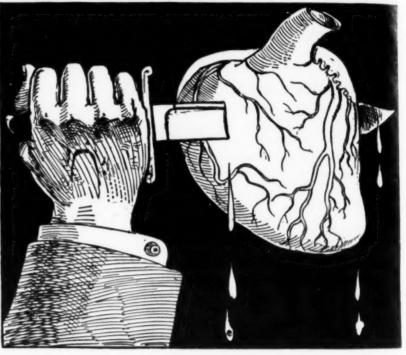
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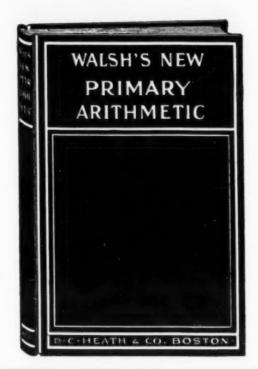
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